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Israel may hit Syrian missiles

By Bob Lebling and Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 11 — U.S. officials fear Israel may ignore the Reagan Administration's calls for restraint and launch a lightning air attack on Syrian missile batteries in Central Lebanon sometime this week, diplomats said Monday.

Officials at the State Department and Pentagon are worried that the Israeli strike could precipitate a general Middle East war, they said. There is also growing American concern that Egypt would side with Syria in the conflict, thus jeopardizing the Egyptian treaty with Israel and the entire Camp David peace framework, sources said.

Administration officials were upset by a recent letter to President Reagan from Israeli Prime Minister Begin which pointedly compared the current situation in Lebanon to conditions on the eve of the 1967 Middle East war. "There is no question but Begin is telling us that he is ready to repeat 1967," a senior American official was quoted as saying over the weekend.

Arab diplomats here believe the Israeli attack against Syrian batteries in Lebanon could take place within the next 24 to 48 hours. Arab embassies here are closely following developments in the region. Analysts are convinced Egypt would break ranks with Israel and the U.S. and would support the Syrians in an all-out Middle East war.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry Official Butros Ghali said in London recently that Egypt still considered itself bound by a joint defense agreement with Syria that predates the 1973 war, and would come to the aid of Damascus in a general war. The Egyptian Ambassador here, Ashraf Ghorbal, is in daily contact with the State Department over the Lebanon crisis.

Egypt is concerned that Israel may be deliberately trying to put President Anwar Sadat on the spot in the current crisis, to test the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, sources said.

In the meantime addressing the Israeli Knesset, Monday Prime Minister Begin said that Israel's air force was ordered to attack Syrian missile installations in Lebanon April 30 but bad weather prevented the operation. (See related story page 5)

Abdullah, Dumez sign SR3.26b deal

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and head of the National Guard, Monday signed a SR3.26 billion contract with Dumez of France for the implementation of the first phase of the National Guard housing project in Khashm Al-Aan.

The prince simultaneously signed another contract for the project's supervision by the Saudi House for Consultancy Services. It was co-signed by Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter in his capacity as chairman of the board of directors of the consultancy house.

The contract provides for the implementation of four housing complexes for the Guard's personnel, with each complex consisting of 1,144 residential villas. Each villa will be completely furnished and equipped with utilities and gardens. Other facilities, such as mosques, schools and commercial markets, will be completed during the implementation of the project. Each villa will have two floors with eight rooms and necessary amenities, besides a garden area of about 250 sq. meters.

Each villa, with complete furnishings and all necessary public facilities, is to cost nearly SR700,000.

While the whole project will be completed in 42 months, the first phase will be ready for occupancy after 27 months from the date of contract signing. The second, third and fourth phases will be ready after 33, 29 and 42 months, respectively.

Meanwhile, it will be obligatory on the contractor to train the Guard's personnel on the operation and maintenance of electrical,



Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz

mechanical, sewage and water installations, in accordance with an integrated training program approved by the National Guard.

At the initial handing over of each group of 1,144 villas, the contractor should have trained a group of personnel capable of managing all the equipment and public facility installations. The training expenses are included in the total cost of the project.

Under the personal directives of Prince Abdullah, international tenders were invited for the project. All intermediaries were banned and a previous competition was cancelled because of over-bidding. Dumez, on whom the final choice fell, are a universally-reputed company with a wide experience in the field of housing projects.

Meanwhile, preparations are being made to sign further contracts for similar projects in the Eastern and Western Provinces.

Socialist measures feared

French franc hits bottom

PARIS, May 11 (AP) — The bottom fell out of the stock market, the franc dropped sharply and gold soared Monday following the election of Socialist Francois Mitterrand as president, and the defeated conservatives immediately began mobilizing for new legislative elections.

The opening of the Paris stock exchange was delayed half an hour and then the flood of selling orders found virtually no takers. The closing market indicator showed a fall of more than 9 per cent, but that was based only on 12 of the more than 200 issues on the market. The absence of buying orders made it impossible to quote other stocks.

However, a Socialist spokesman said the market reaction was an aberration. "The stock market is not France," said Mitterrand campaign manager Paul Quilès. "Without a doubt this is a temporary situation. This is the first major transition in France in 23 years. It's a new phenomenon."

Mitterrand's victory also hit the West German mark in Frankfurt where the dollar gained almost three pfennigs as operators pulled out of the franc. However, the dollar's performance was also boosted by Chase Manhattan raising its prime rate by 0.5 per cent and higher Eurodollar rates.

In London, the pound was quoted in late trading at \$2.10545 compared with Friday's 2.11575.

In Tokyo, where markets close before they open Europe, the dollar somehow failed to reproduce its advances in Europe, closing at 217.80 yen against Friday's 218.60. Dealers said that although the yen started the day badly because of the Mitterrand victory, the dollar peaked quickly as the market assessed the Socialist victory and profit-taking cut into its gains.

In Zurich, the bullion price rose nine dollars to close at \$493.50 an ounce. In London, silver closed at \$11.35 an ounce, no change from Friday.

reprocessing plant in Hessen won him enemies in the left and among ecologists.

Recent allegations that he was involved in irregularities with party election funds and reported arms deals brought press demands that he resign or be sacked. He failed to win re-election to the FDP's regional executive last Friday.

The last political killing in West Germany was in 1977 when urban guerrillas of the extreme leftist Red Army Faction (RAF) kidnapped and murdered industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer. Many members of the underground organization have since been captured and jailed but the authorities say at least a dozen suspects are still at large.

Political motive suspected

German official shot dead

FRANKFURT, May 11 (R) — The economics minister of West Germany's Hessen State was shot dead early Monday in what authorities said was a political killing.

Heinz Karry, 61, was shot in the stomach as he lay in bed at his suburban Frankfurt home and died an hour later as an ambulance arrived to take him to hospital, police said. The federal prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe took charge of investigations, saying suspected urban guerrillas were involved in the killing. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Public prosecutor Haveisen told reporters at the scene that one or more assailants used a ladder to climb through Karry's open bedroom window. The killer fired at least four shots at Karry over his wife's body.

Hessen Interior Minister Ekkehard Gries said there was no doubt that the carefully-planned killing was politically motivated.

Karry had received a spate of anonymous telephone calls aimed at discovering when he was usually at home. The Liberal politician's wife took the last such call shortly before midnight, Haveisen said.

Karry, who was also national treasurer of the government coalition Free Democratic Party (FDP), was a controversial figure. He had been Hessen economics minister since 1970. Outspoken support for plans to extend Frankfurt airport and build a nuclear fuel

U.K. strike voted

LONDON, May 11 (AP) — Britain's largest civil service union — representing 220,000 members — voted Monday for an all-out strike to press demands for a 15 per cent wage increase. The country's civil servants have been staging a series of hit-and-run selective strikes, affecting airports, tax collection and other areas since a nationwide walk-out March 9.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government has offered the civil servants a 7 per cent pay increase. Monday's strike vote by the Civil and Public Services Association means three of Britain's nine civil service unions — representing 326,000 members — are backing an all-out strike. The other six unions — representing 200,000 other workers — are due to vote on the strike issue by May 19.

Customs tighter check

French customs officers meanwhile tightened their checks of outgoing French residents to prevent the illegal export of capital, customs headquarters said here.

"No spectacular measure has been taken, but we are watching more carefully than before," one officer said at Orly Airport. (Continued on back page)

3 hurt in French train bomb blast

PARIS, May 11 (AFP) — A small bomb exploded Monday on board a high-speed train bound for Lyons, central France, slightly injuring three persons near Montereau, about 70 kms southeast of here.

A spokesman for the French National Railways (SNCF) said the three injured suffered burns from a fire that began after the bomb blast. They were transported to a local hospital. The train was evacuated. Responsibility for the blast was claimed by a hitherto-unknown group called Organization Jacques Messrine, apparently named after a onetime most-wanted criminal who was shot dead in a Paris gun battle with police in November, 1979.

A reputed group spokesman told police in

Giscard begins packing

Mitterrand meets aides

PARIS, May 11 (AFP) — French President-elect Francois Mitterrand called his advisers to his home in the Paris Latin Quarter Monday for their first meeting since Sunday night's election victory.

Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin arrived early. He was followed 90 minutes later by Mitterrand's campaign chief Pierre Maugouy, his one-time rival Michel Rocard, leftist leader Jean-Pierre Chevènement, Mayor of Marseilles Gaston Defferre, Louis Marmaz and Veronique Neiriz.

Charles Hernu, mayor of Villeurbanne had talks with Mitterrand.

Police Monday cordoned off the street where Mitterrand lives, and only his close advisers and colleagues were permitted to pass the barriers.

Meanwhile, speculation was rife here over who will be named prime minister. Throughout his campaign Mitterrand stressed "the team was ready," but he had still to decide who would head the government.

The Socialist leadership around Mitterrand comes from varied background, but as in the outgoing government, graduates of the National School of Administration are expected to figure high in the government.

Like defeated President d'Estaing, Mitterrand is an "enarque" as graduates of the nursery of French administrators are known. Rocard, the popular 51-year-old leader of the right of the party, who withdrew from the presidential race in favor of Mitterrand, is an "enarque". He campaigned for Mitterrand and opinion polls indicate he could be a popular choice for the premiership.

Mitterrand's campaign chief Pierre Mauroy, 53, Socialist mayor of Lille and boss of the industrial north, comes from a working class background. The bulky, quiet figure who has been a party activist for the past 30 years has contributed to unity which rivalry between Mitterrand and Rocard threatened to break.

Claude Cheysson, 61, a successful diplomat and European Economic Community commissioner for the Third World, has been widely-tipped to take a top job. He is probably better known abroad than in France. He has been a European commissioner for seven years and negotiated the Lome convention linking 60 Asian, Pacific and Caribbean countries with the EEC.

Jacques Attali, 37, and Jacques Delors, 55, are both well-known economists. Delors a former unionist, worked between 1969 and 1973 in the private office of then Gaullist Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas on a series of measures to improve and update industrial relations.

Jospin, 43, a tall man with a mop of curly "salt and pepper" hair, took over the party secretariat when Mitterrand took to the campaign trail.

Jospin, Pierre Joxe, 46, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, 42, were graduates from the same year from the National School of Administration. Several women are also included in the Mitterrand team, such as Edith Cresson, 46, and Veronique Neiriz, 38, who now looks after the party's international relations. The "barons" of the party are Defferre, the 70-year-old mayor of Marseilles, southern France, and Hernu, 58.

Results of Sunday's French Presidential election, at 1100 hours (0900 GMT) Monday by the Ministry of the Interior:

votes per cent

Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Ind. Rep.	14,584,022	48.2
Francois Mitterrand, Socialist	15,688,930	51.8

About 120,000 votes from overseas were still to be included in the total.

The newly-elected President favors a policy of "dialogue" internationally, but one devoid of "undue accommodation." Mitterrand has gone on record with a statement that while he wants dialogue to be pursued with the Soviet Union, he nevertheless condemns the invasion of Afghanistan, as he condemns a Soviet nuclear policy under which medium-range missiles have been deployed

in Eastern Europe "that cannot hit America, but can hit France."

Mitterrand similarly intends to preserve his right to "independent judgment" in France's relations with Reagan's administration. Mitterrand aimed a remark to that effect to central American problems specifically, stating that Paris would aid those it saw fit in that area and notably in Nicaragua and El Salvador. In this context, Mitterrand disputed the notion that the leftwing movement sweeping El Salvador was masterminded from Havana, recalling that its top leader, Guillermo Ungo, was a Social Democrat.

Giscard, meanwhile, Monday returned to the presidential Elysee Palace here from a family chateau in Chanonat to begin packing his bags. Giscard also began a series of meetings with his top aides, but there were no immediate reports about the nature of the talks. His mandate runs out around May 24. However, the exact date and formalities for handing over power remain to be settled by France's constitutional council. He has given no hints about his future plans except to say in his brief statement in conceding defeat that he would "continue to defend the essential interest" of France.

Reacting to Mitterrand's victory, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) officials in Brussels said NATO believes that France under Mitterrand will remain a loyal member of the Western alliance, but is worried about possible Communist participation in his government.

In another development, Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac the head of the Gaullist Party, indicated he planned to become the leader of the new opposition following Mitterrand's election Sunday as the new President.

Chirac, the 48-year-old conservative who finished third in the first round of the presidential election last month, said he had decided to lead the fight for the center-right in the legislative elections that are expected sometime next month.

The Gaullists now are the largest party in the National Assembly and combined with President Giscard's Union for French Democracy, they hold a 91-seat majority.

Mitterrand said he plans to dissolve the assembly and call new elections to try to win the Socialist-Communist majority he needs to govern effectively. Without such a majority, it would be virtually impossible for his

push through any of the leftist programs he had campaigned for.

International reaction

U.S. President Ronald Reagan, quoting "the centuries-old tradition of Franco-American friendship," told French President-elect Francois Mitterrand that

King cables Mitterrand

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — King Khalid Monday cabled his congratulations to Francois Mitterrand on his election as the new President of the French Republic.

The King sent cordial greetings to the president-elect, and hoped that his tenure will see "an era of welfare and prosperity and the existing relations between our two countries and friendly peoples will be further strengthened" to serve the interests of world peace.

The monarch wished the new leader personal well-being and success and the French people enduring progress and advancement.

This tradition will help "preserve the spirit of Western cooperation." The president sent a brief message to the victorious socialist candidate Sunday evening. It was made public at the White House Monday morning.

White House officials were generally cautious in assessing the impact of Mitterrand's victory, but one senior administration official said he anticipated that "our relations will continue to develop with France."

In Moscow, Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev congratulated Mitterrand on his victory and expressed hopes that the two countries could continue working closely together.

Calling Soviet-French relations "an important factor in peace," Brezhnev said he favored the "development in all domains of links between the two countries."

Kuwait Monday called on Mitterrand to work for promoting Arab-French relations on the basis of mutual interests, with a view to arranging a just peace in the Middle East.

In Cairo, Egypt welcomed the election of Mitterrand and expressed hope that under his leadership France will continue

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Annual horse racing

Khaled gives prizes to winners

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — King Khalid Monday attended the annual thoroughbred Arabian horse at the Ferusiya (Equestrian) Club in Al Malaz. The King was accompanied by Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh Province. The royal party was received at the Club by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and Commander of the National Guard; Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Abdul Aziz, governor of Medina; Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard and a number of princes, ministers and officials.

A band of the Guard played the National Royal Anthem as the King seated himself to watch the race.

Following are the results:

Duhuran Prize worth SR9,000: 1. Ra'ida (Sheikh Muhammad ibn Othman), 2. Sahi (Motaq Al-Assaf) 3. Naj Al-Sat'e (Prince Mishal ibn Abdullah).

Hasa Prize worth SR11,000 (Class III): 1.

Balabel (Prince Faisal ibn Abdullah), 2. Huzeez (Shahd Al Utaibi), 3. Hamiyqa (Prince Muhammad ibn Saud the Great).

Oassim Prize worth SR 11000 (Class III): 1. Balora (Prince Faisal ibn Abdullah), 2. Burhan (Prince Nawwaf ibn Yazid); 3. Al-Hareb (Hilal Al-Sheibani).

Da'ra Prize worth SR13,000 (Class II): 1. Saiba (Prince Faisal ibn Khaled); 2. Marwan (Prince Mishal ibn Abdullah), 3. Al-Adham (Nizar Abu-Al-Jadaveh).

King's Cup worth SR100,000 (Class I): 1. Sakhr (Prince Faisal ibn Khaled), 2. Intisar (Prince Miteb ibn Abdullah), 3. Sa'ad Maroof (Prince Abdul-Rahman Abdullah).

At the end of the race, the King handed over the cup to the owner of the winning horse.

As customary in such occasions, a band of the National Guard played the national anthem to announce the end of the festival.

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Dollar value hike hits oil prices

LONDON, May 11 (R) — The rise in the value of the U.S. dollar has increased real oil prices this year for most West European countries faster than OPEC has marked them up, *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* (PIW) said Monday.

The oil industry newsletter, said the real cost of high-quality African crudes slipped 25-30 per cent in most of West Europe compared with a 10 per cent rise in official prices charged by the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

OPEC producers fix prices in the U.S. dollar. High U.S. interest rates and hopes pinned on President Reagan's economic policies have pushed up the dollar. PIW said the real price of oil in the U.S. had slightly declined in 1981 and Japan, with its strong yen, had replaced West Germany as the country with the lowest real oil costs.

Real oil costs had risen more slowly in Britain than most West European countries.

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On housing and development

Miteb, Wha hold talks

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb received South Korean Interior Minister Suh Chung Wha Monday. The meeting reviewed issues of mutual interest and cooperation in various fields — especially housing, construction and urban development.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Housing and Public Works Minister Ibrahim Al-Rashed.

Earlier, Wha held talks with Petroleum and Minerals Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani. They reviewed bilateral relations and cooperation in petroleum affairs between the two friendly countries.

Meanwhile, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Sunday gave a dinner at Riyadh Water Tower in honor of the visiting South Korean minister and his accompanying delegation. The dinner was attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif, Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam and other members of the royal family and

senior officials.

Later Monday, the Korean minister visited the Public Security Headquarters in Riyadh. He was received by Gen. Yahya Al-Mualimi, assistant public security director for operations, and other senior officials.

The Korean official was briefed about the activities of the operations department and the public security's role in preserving security and order for citizens. Wha inspected the homicide laboratories, fingerprint department and other divisions. He expressed his admiration for the technical potential and the ability to discover a crime soon after it occurs.

Wha and his delegation arrived in the Kingdom Saturday on a few days' visit at the invitation of Interior Minister Prince Naif. The two ministers held official talks Sunday and a completed previous discussions which were started in Seoul last year when Prince Naif visited South Korea.



RELAXING: Interior Minister Prince Naif (center) and Riyadh Governor Prince Salman (second from right) visit South Korean Interior Minister Suh Chung Wha (second from left) in a moment of relaxation before dinner at the Riyadh water tower. The day had been spent in discussions among the officials.

Dammam marine institute holds first graduation

DAMMAM, May 11 (SPA) — The Marine Technical Studies Institute of Dammam will mark the graduation of its first class of university graduate and technical officers Tuesday under the auspices of Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan.

The group consists of 100 officers of which 13 are university graduate officers.

The marine institute has several divisions including electricity, electronics, mechanics, marine techniques, supply and administration. The courses last two years, during which students are granted SR 750 monthly, in addition to accommodation, clothes and food. The graduates are appointed to the rank of lance corporal, and 1st lieutenant for bachelors degree holders and an equivalent of three year's service to masters degree holders.

Sunday that an amount of SR 24 million has been earmarked in this year's budget for his municipality. Half of the amount will be used for road asphalt, side-walk construction and street lighting projects. Other projects call for backfilling and levelling of the limited income persons area, north of Ank.

COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al-Jazirah

The committee set up to study the problem of inflated bridal money is still considering the reports from scholars, social reformers and other institutions. According to reports on the committee's activities, the study is mainly concentrated on the bridal money while the problem has already been extended to cover many other expenses.

In fact, the dowry is no longer an important subject in many cases, because the bride's relatives return the major portion of the cash to the bridegroom so he can furnish new house himself. It seems to be an intelligent move through which the bride's parents get rid of the headache of furnishing, which normally costs a lot when you consider the requirements ranging from furniture, TV set, washer, refrigerator, video, and above all, the bedroom set!

That the bride's parents have intelligently thrown the ball into the groom's courtyard, the dowry is no longer as big a problem as the new dwelling. What, therefore, the committee should preferably do is to find a solution to the housing problem that confronts the newly-weds and those intending to marry.

Another problem of equal significance lies in the usual tendency of holding fabulous parties on the occasion of marriage. I strongly feel there is an urgent need for exercising economy in such celebrations, but this will not be achieved unless people are seriously educated and enlightened on the futility of such expenses.

This problem can be successfully tackled if the authorities concerned instruct hotels and other celebration halls not to allow the parties to continue beyond midnight. If this measure is acted upon, it will save a lot of money and will, at the same time, help many to avoid unnecessarily keeping awake all through the night.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, May 11 (WAM) — A delegation from the UAE municipalities left here for West Germany on a visit of 10 days to the German northern state of Bremen.

The delegation comprises Jassim Darwish, secretary general of the UAE municipalities; directors of the municipalities of Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Um Alquwain, Al-Fujairah, and director of technical department at Ras Al-Khaimah municipalities.

In a statement before departure, Darwish said that the delegation will acquaint itself with German municipalities systems and rules and measures taken for protecting environment from pollution in the German state of Bremen.

He added his delegation will attend one of the sessions to be held by the Bremen municipality council and will meet with a number of the states' "Bremen" senior municipality officials on issues of mutual interest.

At the conclusion of its visit to Bremen on May 21, the delegation will leave for Paris, France, on a three-day visit for talks with officials there on matters relating to the French chicken being exported to the United Arab Emirates.

UMM ALQUAWAIN, May 11 (WAM) — Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al-Mualla one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and ruler of Umm Al Quwain Sunday met here with American ambassador to the UAE William Wolfe who called on him on the occasion of expiry of his term of office in the UAE.

SHARJAH, May 11 (WAM) — Sheikh Sultan Bin Muhammad Al-Qassimi, one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and ruler of Ras Al-Khaimah examined the

articles of an agreement dealing with the digging of 40 artesian wells.

Humaid Naser Al-Owais, minister of electricity and water, sign the agreement with one of the drilling companies.

The wells will be located in various areas of the northern emirates.

Sheikh Sultan also reviewed the Ministry of Electricity and Water's plan, regarding the development projects to be implemented in the northern emirates in general and the eastern region of the emirate of Sharjah in particular.

ABU DHABI, May 11 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan received a verbal message from President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen, dealing with bilateral relations, joint co-operation and issues of mutual interest.

Haider Attas, South Yemen minister of construction relayed the message to President Sheikh Zayed at a meeting here Monday.

AL-FUJAIRAH, May 11 (WAM) — Sheikh Hamad bin Muhammad Al-Sharqi, one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and ruler of Fujairah Monday received here Sulayman Al-Fasam, the Iraqi consul general.

ABU DHABI, May 11 (WAM) — The UAE Federal Cabinet Council at its weekly session Monday chaired by vice president and Prime Minister Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al-Maktoum approved the construction of a workshop with a capital of DH. 70 million (\$19 million) at Abu Dhabi Mina Zayed (Port Zayed).

Moroccan envoy brings message

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — Ahmed bin Sueda, Morocco's King Hassan special envoy, left here Monday after a short visit during which he delivered a message to King Khaled from the Moroccan monarch. Sueda also conveyed similar messages to leaders of several Gulf states.

Sueda, Moroccan royal palace chief, denied that his country was considering restoring relations with Egypt. Ties were severed in a collective Arab move against Egypt when it signed the unilateral peace treaty with Israel. In a statement to Al-Jazirah, Sueda said that Morocco adheres to the Baghdad and Tunis summit resolutions and cannot break the Arab collective stand.

He also denied that his country intends to buy arms or military equipment from Egypt. "It is well known that the Moroccan army is equipped with Western arms while the arms being sold by Egypt at present are Soviet arms," he said.

Meanwhile, United Arab Emirates president, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Monday received a written message from King Hassan II of Morocco dealing with bilateral relations and means of boosting them as well as the current Arab situation and the latest developments in Maghrib Al-Arabi.

Wheat harvest hits new high

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — The Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization has received 44,000 tons of local wheat produce in the period between March 9 and May 4. The wheat, which represents this season's produce, was received by the organization's Riyadh, Dammam and Qasim branches.

Dr. Ahmad Shinawi, GSEMO director general, said Monday that the organization is still receiving local wheat produce at an average of two million kilograms daily in Riyadh, Dammam and Qasim. He said he expected this year's wheat harvest to reach 65,000 tons. This figure represents more than 90 per cent increase compared to last year's 34,000 tons received by the organization, according to Dr. Shinawi.

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Medina branch gets special fund

KAU receives SR500m allocation

JEDDAH, May 11 (SPA) — King Abdul Aziz University's budget for projects amounts to SR500 million this year, it was reported Monday. The project includes construction of buildings, the medical complex and other programs.

KAU Rector Dr. Abdullah Nassif said a special fund was allocated for the university's branch in Medina. The branch's projects comprise housing units for students, classes, laboratories, and extending electricity, telephone and water networks. Allocations were

made for building an agricultural research station for the College of Meteorology and Arid Land studies.

Dr. Nassif said that KAU's medical city will be let as a tender shortly. He added that the university's budget does not include the Education College in Taif.

In other construction developments, Makkah Water and Sewage Department Director General Isam Gazaz said Monday the department's budget for this year amounted to SR1.5 billion. Several important projects

were allocated for the holy city in regard to water and sewage connections. These projects, which will cover most of the city's districts, will fulfill almost all requirements for Makkah once completed, Gazaz added.

Meanwhile, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that two new television transmission centers are under construction in Al-Ala and Khaibar in the Northern Region. The two stations will be completed within two months, he said.

The minister added that a similar station is also planned for Daba. Work on the Daba station will begin later this year, he said. The ministry is working under a well-studied plan that takes into consideration population density priorities, he added. The ministry gives equal attention to all regions of the country, and aims at covering all areas with television transmission, Dr. Yamani added.

Kingdom donates SR1m to charities

MAKKAH, May 11 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has granted more than SR1 million for Islamic projects and charitable societies to help them carry out their humanitarian activities and achieve better standards.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, Muslim World League secretary general, said Monday the Kingdom gave SR334,000 to an Islamic welfare society in Brazil; SR13,360 for the administrative board of Subul Al-Islam school in Indonesia; SR132,000 for Al-Muhis mosque in the Northern District of Sudan; SR111,000 for the Central Committee for Mosques Affairs of Jordan; and SR23,000 for an Islamic school in the Philippines.

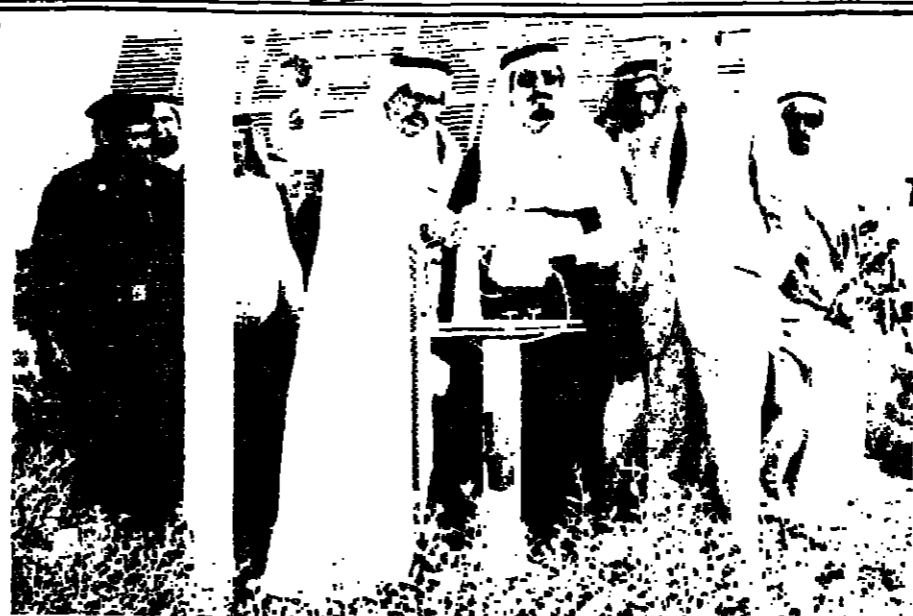
Harakan added that the Kingdom also donated SR100,000 for a school in Kenya; SR50,000 for the Administrative Board of the Islamic Organizations Federations in Brazil.

The MWL secretary general said that these donations are part of the Kingdom's assistance to Islamic projects in the world.

Mansouri meets Lin

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — Chinese Communications Minister Chin-Sheng Lin arrived here from Dhahran in the context of his visit to the Kingdom. He was received by Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri, Deputy Minister Dr. Nasser Al-Saloum and other officials.

Cheng will hold talks with Mansouri on promoting cooperation in transportation, communications and the possibility of Taiwanese companies' participation in the Kingdom's development projects. The Chinese minister arrived in Dhahran Saturday and visited industrial, commercial and communications projects there.



SOLAR POWER: Officials explain to Makkah Governor Prince Majed Sunday the workings of the \$1 million, solar-powered Red Sea water desalination plant. The prince dedicated the unit at Obhur Creek, outside Jeddah. The unit belongs to Mobil Saudi and will supply drinking water to more than 30 bungalows and will provide eight kilowatts of electric power.

Salman to inspect Jubail

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman will visit Jubail Tuesday to inspect the first and second phases of the Jubail desalination plant and the dual 450 kilometers pipeline project that will carry drinking water to Riyadh.

The first phase of the desalination and power plant is in its final stages. It has a capacity of 30 million gallons of fresh water daily in addition to 300 megawatt. It comprises six similar units of boilers and steam

turbines. It is expected to come in to operation in September 1982, and feed Jubail, the industrial city and the Jubail Naval Base.

The second phase, expected to start production in August 1983, has a capacity of 200 million gallons of water and 1,000 megawatt of power daily. The water output is destined for Riyadh while the electrical power will feed the Consolidated Electricity Corporation of the Eastern Province.

Canada, UPM sign cooperation pact

DHAHRAN, May 11 (SPA) — A draft cooperation agreement was signed here Monday between the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran and a group of Canadian universities. After ratification, the agreement, will cover mutual cooperation in several academic sectors.

The drafty was signed by Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Ghuwaiz, UPM undersecretary for academic affairs, Dr. Michael Oliver, chairman of Canadian universities union; and representatives of four major Canadian universities. The agreement calls for cooperation — particularly in engineering, administration, urban planning, and environmental designing — in addition to exchange of professors, experts and information in all fields of knowledge.

A team from UPM will visit several Canadian universities to get acquainted with their potentials and discuss implementation of the agreement.

In a separate development, a Canadian delegation including the deputy governor of the Bank of Canada arrives here Tuesday for talks with finance ministry officials on the fostering of bilateral cooperation in the vari-

Pakistan envoy urges stronger business trade

JEDDAH, May 11 — Pakistan's ambassador to the Kingdom, Najmul Saqib Khan, urged Pakistani professionals working in the Kingdom to come up with practical ideas and suggestions for further deepening the economic cooperation between the two countries, the Pakistani embassy reported Monday.

He was addressing a gathering of Pakistani businessmen, senior executives and bankers at a dinner in Hotel Sheraton Sunday night.

"You have the professional knowledge and practical experience. And you can guide us and the government back home in this regard", he told the gathering.

While Pakistani manpower, skilled and un-skilled, is contributing to the massive development activity in the Kingdom, Saudi Arabia has assisted Pakistan in building some fertilizer and cement factories as well as in carrying out some power and irrigation projects, the embassy said.

A joint investment company has also been set up by the two countries with initial capital of \$100 million for undertaking industrial and agricultural projects in Pakistan. There has also been substantial increase in their bilateral trade, with Pakistan's exports to the Kingdom exceeding SR475 million last year, the report added.

Ambassador Saqib Khan told the gathering that it should become a forum of fresh ideas to further stimulate the development of bilateral relations between the two countries in the economic field.

20 embrace Islam

JEDDAH, May 11 (SPA) — Twenty people embraced Islam Monday in front of Sheikh Abdul Aziz-Issa, chairman of Jeddah Sharia courts. The group included seven Filipinos — of which three were women — a Korean and the rest were from Thailand and included one woman. The group recited the two Shahada and were guided on teachings and principles of Islam and their duties toward their creator.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12.17	12.18	11.49	11.36	12.00	12.30
Assr (Evening)	3.35	3.43	3.15	3.06	3.30	4.04
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.52	6.57	6.29	6.18	6.43	7.16
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Begin renews attack on Germans

TEL AVIV, May 11 (AP) — The Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin Sunday renewed his attack on West German Middle East policy and threatened neo-Nazis who attack Jews with Israeli retribution.

The attack came almost immediately after his Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Saturday had said in an interview to Israel radio that the row with West Germany over Begin's attack on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt should be treated as closed. Begin, who was obviously trying to improve his election chances by making brave statements, ignored the views aired by his cabinet colleague and continued the attack.

"If you lift a hand against any Jew, it could be that we'll come after you," Begin told at a political rally for his Likud party, and threatened that Israel might bring "these hoodlums to trial."

Begins attacks on Schmidt were more muted than they had been in the last few weeks, but he refused to back down from prior criticism when he had called Schmidt a "greedy man" after Arab oil. "I don't retract one word, no German has the right to say that there should be a Palestinian state," Begin said.

His attacks were more widely aimed at the German people as a whole, and Schmidt was referred to only as being of the same generation that permitted the murder of six million Jews.

Cairo probes plots against government

CAIRO, May 11 (AP) — Investigations are underway with 28 persons charged with plotting subversive activities in Egypt with the help of Libyan and Syrian intelligence organizations, the newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported Monday.

Syria and Libya are staunch opponents of President Anwar Sadat's peace moves with Israel. The latest to be arrested was a Palestinian student identified as Nahed Ragab El-Sarrag, whom police found carrying nine K.G. of explosives in his possession upon arrival at Cairo airport from Syria April 30, the paper said. It said the explosives were hidden in a large radio set.



SCREAMING, THREATS: Angry crowds at an Israeli parade screaming threats at a group of uniformed Nazi protesters, Southfield, Michigan, force police to end the Nazis' counter-demonstration after 10 minutes. The 30 uniformed Nazis were heavily guarded by police and kept in a barricaded area.

Rains worsen Somali flood situation

BELET UEN AIRSTRIP, Somalia, May 11 (AP) — As flood relief started arriving here, the flood waters which subsided several days ago, swelled up Saturday following more heavy rains in Ethiopia's highlands where the river has its headwaters.

"We expect to be cut off for at least another two weeks", one aid official said in Belet Uen. "Right now, our food supplies are borderline. I estimate we have five days' supplies left in the three camps we supply. Residents here are a little better. They still have some stocks but most of the villagers who moved in have nothing," he added.

A French military plane arrived Sunday with the first load of emergency relief supplies to reach this flooded provincial capital since roads were cut off by high water last week.

Despite last week's evacuation order, there are still between 15,000 and 20,000 persons

in Belet Uen, including thousands who fled here from nearby villages when the flooding started.

Officials said the airlifts to the city would also supply the estimated 10,000 Ethiopian refugees evacuated to the west bank of the Shebelle River from three flooded camps 15 to 18 kms north of Belet Uen.

The plane carried three tons of blankets, tarpaulins, milk, meat and raisins, which were loaded on to army lorries and hauled away, aid officials said.

According to the aid official, there has also been a sharp rise in cases of diagnosed malaria and severe diarrhea in the Jioded area. He said that medical supplies were low. The plane, which with its crew is based in the former French colony of Djibouti, is scheduled to fly to Belet Uen and other affected areas for the duration of the critical period.

4 Afghan freedom fighters executed

NEW DELHI, May 11 (AP) — Afghanistan's Soviet-installed Babrak Karmal regime Sunday executed four freedom fighters. The official Afghan radio said Ghulam Hasan, Muhammad Mohsin, Abdul Ghaffur and Abdul Hakim were put to death in accordance with a sentence imposed by a revolutionary court.

The court sentenced them to death on the basis of documentary evidence and confessions by the accused that they had been engaging in rebel activities, the Pushtu-language broadcast, heard here, said. The broadcast did not say how or where they were executed.

Sunday's slayings followed the execution in Kabul on similar charges of two activists of the Pakistan-based Hezb-i-Islami Group May 3 led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. The two, identified only as Bahadu and Tajawol, were accused by the Kabul authorities of killing one Agha Sheeri Sarbaz.

In a separate development, government troops "liquidated" a group of fighters, including their two leaders, Rahim and Anzar, in a battle in Nangarhar province, the Sunday broadcast said. The troops seized a large quantity of foreign-made arms and ammunition with American and Chinese markings from the fighters, the broadcast said. They also captured "printed documents showing their links with elements outside the country," it added.

In another development, a group of Afghans who have been living as refugees in Pakistan returned to their homeland, the broadcast said. They entered Afghanistan through the Torkham border post, 180 kms east of the capital, in Nangarhar, the report added. Radio Afghanistan Saturday reported that about 2,000 Afghan refugees returned home through Pakia Province from Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's top refugee official said Sunday in Islamabad that the number of Afghan refugees is underestimated and that the total is more than 2 million. The refugee commissioner Azhar reported that 1.93 million Afghans have been processed by the end of April but that many more in Pakistan remained unregistered. He blamed the slow bureaucratic process for the gap.

At one camp, Surkhab in Pakistan's Baluchistan province, 5,000 Afghans were officially recorded, while its actual population is 75,000, he told AP. He saw this himself a few days ago, he added. Registrations were up 104,000 in April but failed to keep up with the continuous influx, the Pakistan official said.

Azhar vigorously denied a report quoting

U.N. and other foreign relief workers as saying that Pakistani figures to be overstated because the statistics did not take into account mobile registrations, and that a number of refugees returning to Afghanistan or shifting to other camps here.

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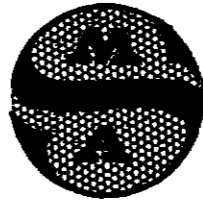
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Arafat in Iraq

Bekaa missiles will stay, Syria tells Habib

TEL AVIV, May 11 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's special Middle East envoy, Philip Habib, refused to answer reporters' questions when he arrived here Monday from Damascus. He said he would make a press statement only after meeting Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

In Beirut, meanwhile, observers expressed the belief that Habib had not managed to induce Syria to withdraw its anti-aircraft missiles from the Bekaa plain in Lebanon. The missiles were installed recently after the Israelis downed two Syrian helicopters.

Their impression was fortified by the Syrian daily *Teshrin's* appeal to international organizations to "assume their responsibilities" over the crisis. The newspaper predicted that Habib's visit to Israel would give "the green light to the Israeli aggressors to unleash a war" against Syria.

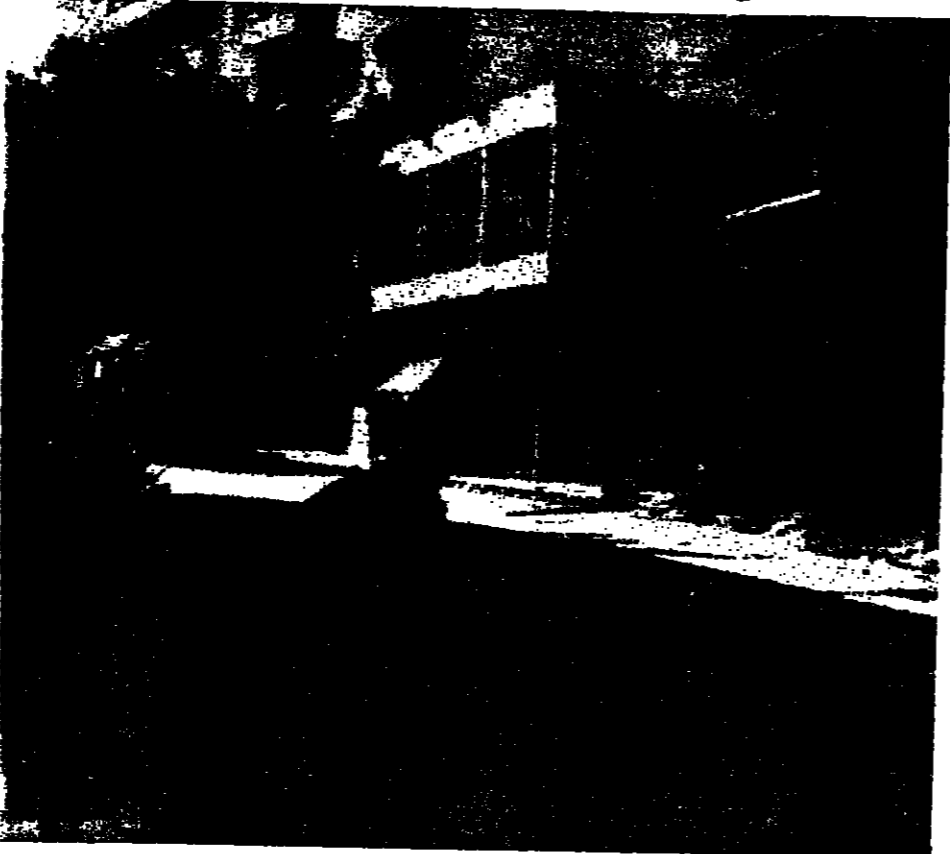
Asked by newsmen before his plane took off from Damascus airport whether he would return to the Syrian capital after his talks with Israeli leaders, Habib said "It's possible." He refused to answer further questions.

President Hafez Assad's government has made it clear to Habib that Syria has no intention of pulling surface-to-air SAM-6 missile batteries it installed in eastern Lebanon to defend its peacekeeping army against Israeli air attacks. Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has warned on the eve of Habib's arrival in Tel Aviv that he would send the Israeli Air Force into action against the Syrian missile batteries if Habib's mediation fails to produce results.

Syria contends it has an "unquestionable right" to deploy the missiles to defend its peacekeeping army that oversees a 53-month-old civil war armistice between Lebanon's rightist Christian forces and an alliance of nationalist Muslims and Palestinians. Israel, which shot down the helicopters claiming it was engaged in war operations against Israeli-backed Christian militias, says the missiles could restrict its air raids on Lebanon-based Palestinian commandos.

Commentators suggested that Syria might now consider responding with a major round attack if the missiles were hit. Military correspondent Hirsch Goodman said in the English-language *Jerusalem Post* that Syria might welcome a conflict as a means of weakening the Israeli-Egyptian peace process and damaging the Israeli economy.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, on a plomatic offensive in the Arab world over the latest crisis in Lebanon, arrived Monday in Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported in Beirut. The agency quoted him as saying he would confer with President Saddam Hussein and other officials on "means of ending the serious developments which surround our Arab nation in these hard times." Arafat said the "Zionist military escalation" against the Palestinians and Arab world



CAUTIOUS LOOK: A Phalangist militiaman looks carefully into an empty street in the Ein Rummannah of east Beirut for any sign of Syrian snip fire before crossing the street. Deserted and damaged buildings line the street.

in general required the highest degrees of cooperation and cohesion, INA reported.

Arafat, who last week toured Saudi Arabia and four Gulf states, was briefed in Damascus Saturday by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam on his talks with

Israel expels woman for telling truth

TEL AVIV, May 11 (Agencies) — Lina Mussa Yussuf Qwidar, 22, an employee of Bir Zeit University, has been ordered to leave for Amman within 24 hours by the military governor for allegedly insulting a soldier. Israeli newspapers reported. The young Palestinian woman of Jaffa, had traveled to Jerusalem last Friday. At a roadblock, soldier checking her papers had told her that she had no right to remain in the country because her permit had expired. She replied that this was untrue and pointed to the data on the document. The soldier called her "a liar", and she replied in the same vein. For this, she was ordered to present herself at the military government headquarters in

Ramallah, they added.

When she got there, a major told her that he had discussed her case with the deputy military governor of Ramallah, who had ruled: "Someone who called an Israeli soldier a liar has no right to remain in the country." He also accused her of trying to pass the roadblock illegally, and told her to leave the next morning for Allenby Bridge together with someone from Bir Zeit and to remain in Jordan for good. A representative of the university was ordered to bring back a document showing that the young woman had indeed left for Jordan from the bridge. Advocate Felicia Langer has appealed against the expulsion order, the newspapers said.

the crisis in Lebanon and the danger of a Syrian-Israeli conflict.

Palestinian strongholds around the South Lebanese town of Nabatiyah came under an artillery attack Monday from the Israeli-backed Christian border enclave, local sources said. Damage was reported but no casualties. Earlier, Israeli warplanes flew over Nabatiyah and the ports of Tyre and Sidon, drawing ground fire.

As a precaution, there were no classes Monday in schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugee children in several southern areas. Cars equipped with loudspeakers toured Sidon calling on every Palestinian male over 17 who was not a member of PLO to join the Palestine Liberation Army — the regular troops of the commando movement — by next Wednesday. It exempted teachers and only sons.

In Beirut, there were sporadic exchanges of artillery and small arms fire and state-run Beirut Radio said shells had landed in residential areas on both sides of the commercial quarter.

In another development, residents were fleeing Lebanon's Bekaa region Monday amid fears that it could be the flashpoint for an Israeli-Syrian confrontation, according to reports reaching Beirut. Many of those who left lived in the Bekaa zone where Syria has deployed SAM missiles. Several shells fell Monday on the besieged town of Zahle. Snipers were reported in action there and in the nearby town of Baa El Rim.

Christian militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad ordered residents who refused taxes to him to evacuate the Kantara region of central south Lebanon, which is controlled by United Nations troops, reports said. Monthly taxes imposed by the militia run to about \$8 per person and \$3 per vehicle. Villagers must also hand over one-third of their crops. Reports said Haddad's forces also opened fire on a funeral cortege, forcing the mourners to flee and delaying the ceremony by four hours.

On Israel's northern borders the atmosphere is different. Residents are fortifying shelters and United Nations personnel are digging in deep for protection.

In Cairo, in a statement to parliament, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said the mounting tension between Israel and Syria over Lebanon is exposing the Middle East to military confrontation. Ali also said the moves by the two countries have led to a "deterioration of peace and security in the region."

Holding the stick by the middle, he blamed Syria for prompting division of the country by protecting one faction against the other, and blamed Israel for abusing of the chaos to achieve "its own gains." "All this is a threat to peace, stability and the national unity of Lebanon," Ali said. "Furthermore, the area is being exposed to military confrontation."

Klaauw discusses EEC peace plan with Israelis

TEL AVIV, May 11 (AP) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher Van Der Klaauw said Monday he doubted a European initiative could bring about a comprehensive Middle East peace, Israel radio said.

Klaauw, who is chairman of the council of foreign ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC), met with President Yitzhak Navon and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to gather their opinions on an EEC-sponsored peace initiative that Israel has steadfastly opposed.

Klaauw said the EEC was very concerned about the situation in Lebanon, where Syria has placed anti-aircraft missiles that Israel has threatened to dislodge by force if diplomatic efforts to remove the missiles fail. But he added the EEC did not intend to

intervene in Lebanon because it had not been asked to.

In talks with President Navon, Klaauw described Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as a person with whom it is possible to conduct negotiations, Israel radio said. The EEC has called for the inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Mideast peace negotiations, a concept rejected by Israel.

Earlier an arrival Klaauw told airport reporters that "I've come on a mission for the EEC but I've not come with any proposals or peace pacts." "All we want is to discuss some of the elements of the peace we all want."

In his own statements, Shamir reiterated Israel's position from the start that it was not willing to accept either the Venice or Luxembourg declarations passed by the EEC last year.

Iran arrests 14 Oveissi followers

TEHRAN, May 11 (AFP) — Authorities have arrested 14 reputed members of the Oveissi group, accused of a series of recent explosions in Tehran and several other cities, the *Keyhan* newspaper reported Monday, quoting statements made last week in Tabriz by general prosecutor Moussavi Ardebili.

The group is named after general Gholam-Ali Oveissi, the former head of military staff under the late Shah, who is organizing opposition to the Islamic Republic from his headquarters in exile abroad. The 10 men and four women arrested met members of the Shah's family and generals under the former ruler, to organize plots and "set off

explosions to show the world that the government is not stable and has lost control of the country," the newspaper reported.

Two explosions late last month in Tehran and in the western city of Kermanshah killed nine persons and wounded dozens of others. Responsibility for the blasts was not claimed. *Keyhan* also reported that six prisoners accused of causing riots in Meshed prison in eastern Iran have been shot.

Twenty-three persons charged with "drug trafficking, illegal weapons possession and collaboration with the counter revolution" were found by a revolutionary court to have been involved in the riots, *Keyhan* said.

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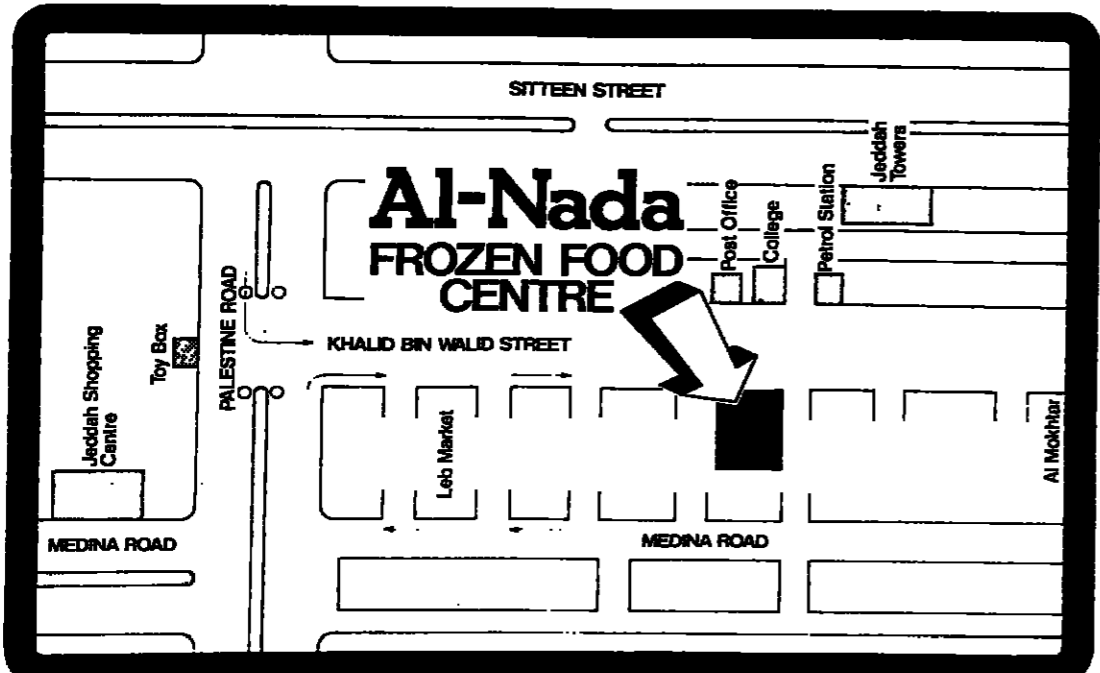
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A margin of one million and two hundred thousand voters ensured a Mitterrand win in the French presidential election. The French people had their say, and the Socialists are once more in power, after a long period in the wilderness.

The details of the vote will no doubt become clearer in the next few days: How far is Mitterrand's win due to Gaullist lukewarmness toward Giscard? How much did the Communist vote contribute to the Socialist win, and what leverage will it give them on the new president?

But whatever the case here, it is certain that French business and finance will take time to acclimatize itself to a Socialist regime. Already, in fact, French customs has declared that it is increasing its vigilance against attempts to smuggle capital out of the country; a somewhat lurid reaction to the Socialist success, but one which is nevertheless indicative.

Mitterrand, however, is no Kim Il Sung, not even a Tito. Outgoing President Giscard's propaganda about the "red peril" represented by a Socialist takeover was always taken with a pinch of salt as part of the electoral game. Business is worried, but is not in panic. The main losers of the election, one could argue, were the French Communists — and behind them, Moscow, which came out clearly for a Giscard win. Moscow especially had in mind the "Atlantism" and "NATOism" of the Socialists as opposed to the independent stand which Gaullism and "Giscardism" pursued.

South Africa 'is not sincere about change'

By John De St. Jorre

JOHANNESBURG — White South Africans vote. Black South Africans, disenfranchised spectators, watch and wonder. This election, like previous elections, is mainly about them. How do they feel? "Nothing will change," said Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches. "The government is not talking about black pensioners, black unemployment or black education and yet the basic issue is what is to be done about it. They will, I fear, continue dishing up the same old apartheid menu."

The bishop, who recently had his passport confiscated by the government for making critical remarks abroad, is predicting that this will be South Africa's last all-white election. Not all blacks share his optimism but the victory of African nationalism in neighboring Zimbabwe has given black morale a boost here.

"Black indifference to the election," a leading black journalist wrote, "is cast in two molds. There is the studied indifference of the intellectual elite and the spectacular ignorance of the masses."

Most politically conscious black South Africans, especially those active in the Black Consciousness movement, dismiss the election as "irrelevant." Yet it seems clear that they would prefer a swing to the right in white politics, hastening what they regard as an inevitable showdown.

A recent survey in Soweto, the huge African township outside Johannesburg, showed that roughly a quarter of those questioned believed there was no hope for a peaceful resolution of South Africa's problems. The interesting thing about this survey, as several political scientists pointed out, was that so many black South Africans still believed that a relatively non-violent outcome was still possible. The truth is that most blacks are preoccupied with the daily struggle to survive in a system where the dice are heavily loaded against them. A white election, which does not impinge on that daily grind, passes them by.

"The black masses don't know and don't care," wrote Aggrey Klaaste, a black journalist. "Many of them are as ignorant about the basic meaning of the verb 'to vote' as I am about the refueling of the space shuttle. However, they have the same gut feeling that injustice cannot go on indefinitely."

Some blacks, however, have been watching the election campaign closely and are confused. "There was no clear reason for P.W. Botha (the prime minister) to hold this election," said Joe Latakomo, editor of *The Sowetan*, the main black newspaper in South Africa. "If we knew what it was about we could make a judgment. What is clear though is that the government's electioneering propaganda shows that it is not sincere about change."

Since the election has been fought mainly on right-wing terrain, both the ruling National Party and its extremist opponents have been vying with each other to show how much they want to protect the whites and how determined they are to keep the blacks in their place. Their message is tailored for the white electorate but it is also absorbed, and not forgotten, by the more attentive black bystanders.

"Elections in South Africa," wrote Aggrey Klaaste, "are not so much about power as the race struggle. They are held to reassure, to pull the whites back into the ladder, to be ready to fight for survival."

"The short-term view among blacks is that it does not really matter which white group leads the country as our lot will remain basically the same. The long-term view is: 'Why bother, for one day we shall overcome.'" —(ONS)



Middle East, Poland urgent issues for Mitterrand

PARIS — Among the early problems that President-elect Francois Mitterrand will have to tackle when he enters the Elysee Palace will be the Middle East, Poland and France's relations with West Germany.

Mitterrand, after long being considered a firm ally of Israel, Mitterrand has now moved to recognizing both Israel's right to exist and Palestinian rights to a homeland to be achieved by "direct dialogue" between all the parties concerned. Like his predecessor, outgoing President Giscard d'Estaing, Mitterrand has described the Palestine Liberation Organization as "probably the most representative organization of the Palestinian aspirations."

Mitterrand would probably not oppose PLO participation in any negotiations. He described the Camp David accord as a "step toward peace," but also accepted the limits of the peace process started by the leaders of Israel, Egypt and the United States. Mitterrand will probably want close links with the Arab states, saying he wanted a "new cooperation outside the single question of oil."

Poland: Mitterrand has promised a series of measures if the Soviet Union invades Poland and has warned that Moscow "should not believe it could proceed every six months with a world policing operation."

But he has also said he did not expect the Soviet Union to intervene unless the Polish Communist Party cracked up. The latest statements from Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev "did not point to intervention," he noted.

West Germany: Close personal relations between Giscard d'Estaing and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt led to strong links between the two major continental European powers. The new president is likely to re-examine the links which could now become less exclusive. He has rejected a Paris-Bonn Axis. The European Community "of ten is Europe of ten each with the same rights," he said. But he added he was "favorable to the development of good relations between France and West Germany."

On the domestic level, Mitterrand, emerging Monday from 23 years in the opposition wilderness, also faces a two-month spate of political uncertainties that could make or break his Socialist administration. Although his four-percentage-point victory Sunday over Giscard was surprisingly clear-cut, the center-right retains control of the National Assembly.

Mitterrand, 64, has promised that one of his first acts on taking office will be to dissolve the assembly and call elections to try to replace its center-right

majority with a left-dominated parliament to back his programs. French voters will therefore soon be called to the polls for another two-round election, this one expected to take place on June 21 and 28.

Prime Minister Raymond Barre announced Monday that he would submit his government's resignation to Giscard before the new president moves into the Elysee on May 24. But if the 36-million electorate returns a conservative majority, France will for the first time see its president at odds with its parliament — and constitutional experts ask how the Fifth Republic could function in this situation.

Analyses of Sunday's poll show that Mitterrand won more votes than all left-wing candidates together in the first-round election on April 26, and that he swept the board in two-thirds of departments in mainland France. Some Gaullists, it seems refused to follow their leader Jacques Chirac and vote for Giscard. They either voted for Mitterrand, or, like first-round candidate Marie-France Garaud, registered their dissatisfaction at the two-man choice by returning blank ballot forms.

An unusually high total of 900,000 blank or spoiled ballots were counted, more than twice as many as the 1974 presidential election. Political haggling is likely to continue all this week in the

ranks of the left and ex-majority.

The Communist Party applauded the Socialist victory and an editorial in the party newspaper *l'Humanite* showed signs of restraint while calling for Communists to be included in a new left-wing government, it did not insist on their presence in the first transition government.

Mitterrand has already made clear that the transition team will have no room for Communists, only for those who supported his objectives right through the campaign.

Communists and Socialists will now discuss a possible pre-election deal that could lead to a government pact — a hard notion to grasp after four years of bickering between the two parties.

Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac, seen as the standard-bearer for the new right-wing opposition, has meanwhile promised an announcement in the coming days on battle tactics.

Giscardians have nonetheless made known that they plan to "continue the struggle", while their man seems to have modified his pre-election promise to retire to his Loire Chateau if ousted from the Elysee Palace. Giscard's statement Sunday stressed that he would, "naturally", continue to defend France's "essential interests". — (AFP)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of the Kingdom's newspapers Monday led with a report on the French elections, highlighting the victory of Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist candidate, who will be the new President of the French republic. Meanwhile, King Khaled's audience to South Korea's Interior Minister Suh Chung Wha was carried as a lead story in some newspapers, while *Al-Bilad* led with a statement by Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, during his inspection tour of the King Abdul Aziz air base in Dhahran, reaffirming that "we are against persecution, occupation and colonialism, and we shall continue to support our Muslim brethren everywhere in the world."

The annual horse racing festival in Riyadh Monday, under the patronage of King Khaled, formed a prominent page one story in the newspapers, which also gave front-page highlight to Prince Sultan's visit to Dhahran where he inspected the project of "Shams Al-Salam" (The Sun of Peace) at the King Abdul Aziz Air Base. The South Korean interior minister's call on the King and other officials was prominently covered on the front pages of the newspapers, some of which also highlighted Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's current tour of some of the Gulf states.

Some newspapers frontpaged the arrival of the non-aligned goodwill mission in Tehran, saying its members were hopeful of achieving success in their task. Meanwhile, *Okaz* reported in a page one story that the Karmal regime in Afghanistan has rejected NATO's proposals on a solution to the Afghanistan

crisis.

Commenting editorially on government expenditure, *Al-Jazirah* observed that the focal point in all state expenditures, whether in the field of consumption or development, has been the people of this country. In many countries of the world especially in the emerging countries of the Third World, there is always an imbalance between consumption and development, which makes the ordinary people feel that they are lost and are unable to enjoy even the barest rights from the country's resources, said the paper. But it added that, in Saudi Arabia all expenditure, whether consumer or developmental, is clearly defined and declared. The paper proudly stated that Saudi Arabians benefit from their country's oil wealth.

In an editorial, *Al-Bilad* highlighted Prince Sultan's reaffirmation on the Kingdom's policy against persecution, occupation and colonization and its firm support for Muslims all over the world. The paper said such reaffirmations fortify the Kingdom's stands at the international level amidst the sharp tussles created by Zionism and Communism in the world. It added that the Kingdom's stance has achieved this outstanding feature through the leadership's tireless efforts, which have earned admiration from world leaders.

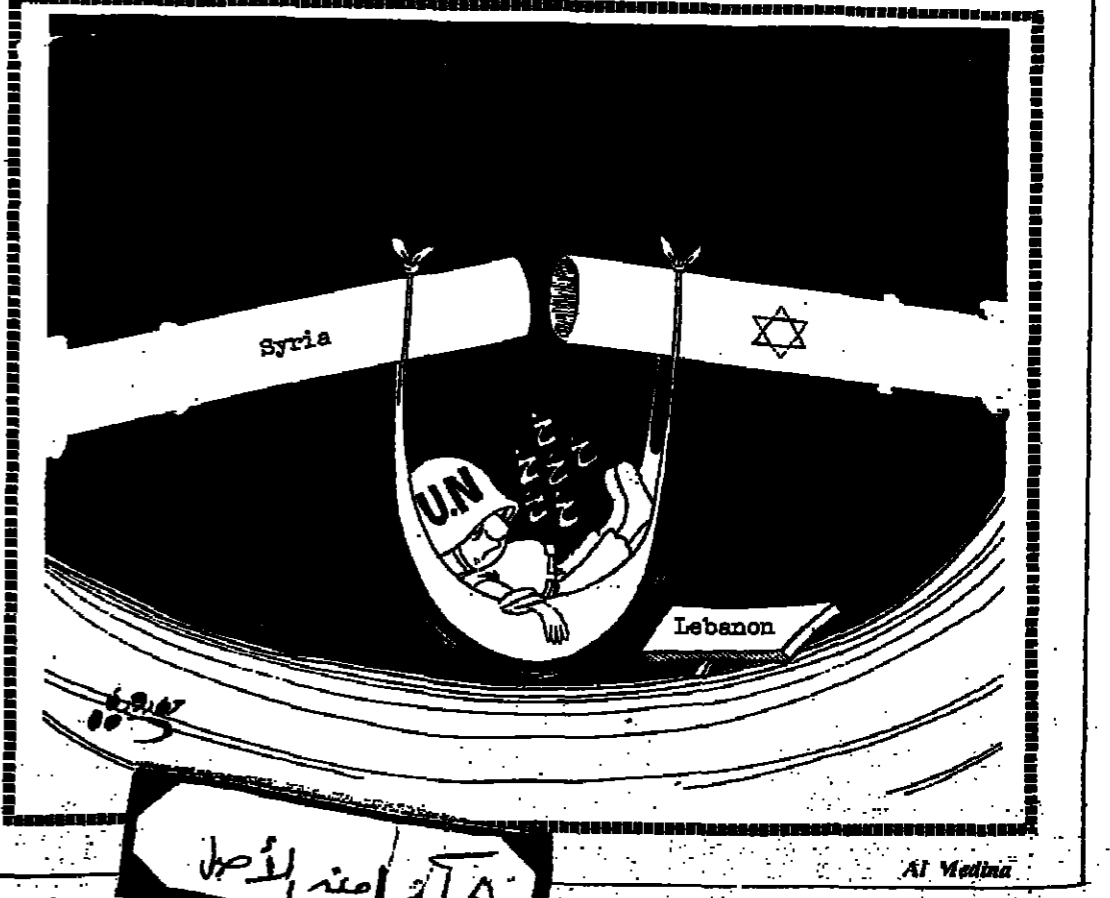
Concerned with the Middle East situation, *Al-Medina* noted editorially that a detente is impossible because of the Israeli enemy's effort to create a crisis with Syria and to find a new justification for a fresh military venture against Syria. The paper

recalled that Israeli Premier Begin's statements are akin to those of his predecessors who did so whenever they intended to perpetrate aggression in the region. It urged the Arab and Islamic world become alerted and united so as to be able to put an end to Zionist despotism and barbarous activities in the region.

In an editorial on the Lebanese situation, *Al-Riyadh* said that Israel has successfully got hold of the winning card by being able to foil all attempts for national reconciliation in Lebanon. The paper emphasized that the present situation calls upon the Arabs to tackle the Lebanese crisis as an Arab responsibility. It regretted that the Arab League's silence over the bloody developments in Lebanon has opened avenues for the internationalization of the whole crisis, which will leave no scope for the Lebanese to play any role in containing the crisis.

The paper held a firm view that the League would be able to play a tangible role if it succeeds in reviving Arab solidarity, for the sake of which it was moved to its new headquarters in Tunis.

On the other hand, *Okaz* dealt with the situation in Afghanistan saying that, while the Karmal regime is perpetrating its repressive acts on the Afghan revolutionaries, the free world has taken "fluid" stances on the Soviet occupation, which is a crime of no less magnitude than the Zionist usurpation of Palestine in the 20th century. The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), though, made an enthusiastic move but later found itself preoccupied with its attempt to stop the bloody war between Iraq and Iran, the paper said.



New city guide for newcomers

Answers many questions

The Jeddah Guide, Immel Publishing, 1981, Price SR45.

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Where can you eat Korean food in Jeddah? What special interest groups exist for pastimes? How are those delightfully distinctive old Jeddah houses, which have captivated visitors for centuries, made? What interesting camping trips can you make from Jeddah? Where are the spices merchants in the souk?
All these questions and many more are answered in a new publication titled *The Jeddah Guide*, which is just out in the bookshops. Published by Immel, it claims to provide "everything you need to know" about Jeddah. But given that "everything" would be rather hard to collate it doesn't do a bad job of providing a reasonable amount of useful information, especially for the newcomer.

Not all the information is new. In fact, the publisher readily admit their debt to others who have done much of the ground work before. But what it does accomplish is to put much of the early information, in updated form, under one cover. As Immel manager, Brian McElearney, explained "it is meant to be of use to people living in Jeddah, particularly newcomers. We want to give them an idea of what exists here, what the history of the place is, and where to buy things."

The *Guide* does this through adequately detailed sections on the history of Saudi Arabia, Jeddah past and present and a projections through into the 1980s, a general description of life in Jeddah and an account of customs and traditions in the homeland of Arab hospitality. McElearney said the publishers' biggest debts were owed to Dr.

Angelo Pesce, author of the book: *Jeddah, Portrait of an Arabian City* and to the *American Ladies of Jeddah*.

"It was the *American Ladies of Jeddah* guidebook which first gave us the idea to publish this book on Jeddah," said McElearney. "Its particular contribution was the detailed maps which had been drawn up showing where to see all sorts of interesting places and where to buy all kinds of different things. We took these maps and checked and updated them where necessary

should do this. As far as I know the purpose of buying fresh fish is to enjoy the flavor of fresh fish, and one could hardly do this if it's covered with salt, or meat tenderizer. As a point of interest I know many people who buy and eat the local fresh fish without going through the above-mentioned process and all have survived to tell the tale. The book also says not to buy eggs that have a red stamp on them. Perhaps it should explain what the significance of the red stamp is.

BOOK REVIEW

and I think these have become perhaps the most useful section of the book."

The *Guide* took about six months to collate with six people working on the project. They included one man from Immel's London office who spent some three months living in Jeddah getting to know the layout of the city before helping in the final writing and compilation. It wasn't always easy going — at one stage the researchers had just completed checking the list of telephone numbers when new numbers were introduced and they had to start all over again.

While checking and collating all the information would certainly be a daunting task, the team in places has come up with a few strange, incorrect or unexplained pieces of information. In the homemaking section, it suggests that fresh fish should be washed and dried thoroughly, then applied with meat tenderizer before freezing. Also filleted and salted. It doesn't explain why one

In another section, the guide mentions that Jeddah is serviced by large air-conditioned buses. If the publisher is referring to the SAFTCO buses he will find they are not air-conditioned, at least the intracity buses are not. The air-conditioned buses are those which run intercity.

One particularly useful section, especially for those who enjoy eating out, is that on restaurants in Jeddah. The book gives a brief description of restaurants, the type of food they serve, hours of operation, telephone numbers, the average price per person, service charge and, most importantly, how to get there. In case the description is inadequate a key for the map in the rear of the book is added. Also useful is the list of schools and pre-schools and what sort of curricula they offer; the list of hospitals and services (although this is incomplete); doctors and their specialties; hotels and services.

Some of the other information is fairly

readily available in other publications. And even further avenues could have been explored to make sections of the book more informative. It repeats to a degree some of the information contained in Brian McMaster's book, *The Definitive Guide to Living in Saudi Arabia*, published last year. It also doubles up to an extent on information contained on the *Saudi* guide to the Kingdom. The section on excursions from Jeddah could well do with much expansion and groups such as the Natural History Society, who make many interesting trips. The section on shopping will also need to be expanded — perhaps by adding to the already comprehensive numbering system on the maps.

Any book which tries to provide a guide to a city changing as rapidly as Jeddah will always run into the same problem — being out of date almost from the start. McElearney is the first to agree that there are pieces of information in the guide, such as the statement that there are no department stores in Jeddah, which is incorrect. So, the company is planning regular updates of the guide to cope with change, and to add more information of interest or relevance.

"When we were first compiling the book there were no department stores," he said. "Now there is one and by the end of the year there will be more. However, our planned annual editions will mean that we can keep pace with the development of the city."

The next edition of the book is already being compiled, and McElearney would like to hear from any one information which is useful to the book. Interesting shops, souks, excursions, or any corrections to the first edition — all are welcome. Such details can be sent to Immel Publishing, P.O. Box 1622, Jeddah, or telephone 660-0712, 660-0708.

The Science Column

Teenagers world over eat too fatty food

WASHINGTON, (WP) — Teen-agers in much of the world are too fat, eat a fatty diet and have high blood cholesterol, smoke too much and even have early signs of high blood pressure, a new study of 5,300 13-year-olds in 15 countries has shown.

All these conditions or habits increase the chances of heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes or some cancers, often early in life. But American teen-agers aren't generally the worst in any of these categories, except that they are among the fatter.

The findings in 13-year-olds are part of a larger, continuing study of 17,000 boys and girls aged to 15 in the United States, eight European nations (France, Germany, the Netherlands, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Norway and Finland), Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Kenya, Nigeria and Kuwait.

Among 13-year-olds, the heaviest daily smokers — "daily" meaning at least one cigarette a day — were Kuwaiti boys (13 per cent) and Yugoslav girls (10 per cent). French boys (38 per cent) and German and French girls (30 per cent) were the heaviest occasional smokers (smoking less than daily).

The findings show "an acute need everywhere for health education in the schools," with systolic (or heart contraction) pressures ranging from 112 to 117. There is "some consensus" today, said the study summary, that "optimal" systolic blood pressure at age 13 should be more like 100.

The study seems to show that modern, fatty, more Westernized diets are having a dire effect in countries such as Japan that once had simpler diets. "Tokyo children," Wynder said, "now have cholesterol levels as high as American children's." High levels of cholesterol in the blood are an established "risk factor," in medical language, for early heart attacks.

But American 13-year-olds actually had lower cholesterol measurements than those in several nations — the highest, in order, being Finland, Norway, Kuwait, West Germany, Netherlands and Yugoslavia. "I think American cholesterol levels, though still too high are better because there have been changes in our diet," said Wynder, "with people consuming milk with lower fat content and other foods with less fat and cholesterol."

"I also think some teen-agers elsewhere smoke more because those countries haven't

had all the anti-smoking education we've had." As a young chest surgeon, Wynder was one of the first doctors to point to the connection between smoking and lung cancer. The new study's main finding, he said, may be that young people's risk of future disease "depends more on social and nutritional habits than on genetics" or heredity.

Everywhere, he added, the family is less important and children get less home training. Hence the need for health education in the schools. In many of the 15 countries, the American Health Foundation and other groups are getting government help to start experimental "know your body" programs in schools. "We want to make kids aware of the risk factors when they first enter school, then remind them in every grade," Wynder said.

Among detailed findings about 13-year-olds: — Greek, Yugoslav and American boys and Yugoslav, Greek, American and German girls were the heaviest. But by height-weight ratios, a more accurate measure of fatness, Greek, Italian and American boys and Italian girls were the fatter.

— The Finnish, French, Greek, Japanese and Dutch had the highest blood pressures, with systolic (or heart contraction) pressures ranging from 112 to 117. There is "some consensus" today, said the study summary, that "optimal" systolic blood pressure at age 13 should be more like 100.

— The Finns also had the highest blood cholesterol levels, followed by the other northern Europeans, the Norwegians, Germans and Dutch. All eat fat diets, but the Finns are notorious fat eaters. In Finland and Norway more than half the boys and girls had cholesterol values above 180. The Americans' average was 150. The ideal level for ages 10 to 14 would be 120, though 140 might be a more attainable goal, the summary said.

— Among 18-year-old "daily" smokers: American girls (5.5 per cent) and boys (2.7), German girls (5.7 per cent) and boys (3.7), and Yugoslav girls (100 per cent). Among "occasional" smokers: American girls (19.4 per cent) and boys (15.9), French boys (38) and girls (28), German boys (27.5) and girls (30.9) and Yugoslav boys (30) and girls (4.8 per cent).

Woman gets damages from clinic in West Germany

By Paul Taylor

BONN, (R) — Ulla Boeck wanted it to be a natural childbirth. For months she studied manuals on painless childbirth. Her husband Pejo read the books with her and wanted to be at her bedside in the Dortmund Women's Clinic when she gave birth to their first child. Mrs. Boeck told the hospital on making an appointment to have the baby that she wanted "no drugs and as little machinery as possible."

When she entered the hospital on August 23, 1978, things did not go as she planned. A regional court has now awarded damages against the clinic for failing to inform or consult her about the treatment she received. The case brought to light evidence that the hospital planned child births to suit its doctors' convenience, more than half of all births in the giant clinic were artificially induced, the court heard. There were almost no births on Sundays, few on Saturdays and at night and as few as possible on weekend afternoons, when doctors went off to relax or play golf.

Within minutes of entering the hospital, at the first sign of her uterus opening, Mrs. Boeck was hooked up to a hormone drip designed to induce labor pains which began half an hour later. As the day progressed, she was injected with pain-killing drugs. Her husband was summarily ordered out of the ward. Their daughter was born 10 hours later, pulled out of her mother's womb with a suction pump. She is severely mentally retarded and cannot speak or grip. The Upper State Court in Hamm, near Dortmund, declined to rule on whether the baby's handicaps resulted from the induced birth.

But it upheld Mrs. Boeck's contention that induced labor was a medical intervention like any other surgical operation and that the patient had a right to be informed of the treatment and to choose. The hospital's

lawyers argued that since childbirth was a natural process, the patient's right to choose did not apply. Informing a pregnant mother of the risks associated with various courses of action could only cause unnecessary anxiety and might make a successful operation more difficult," they said.

A prospective mother was in no position to decide, for example, whether to authorize a Caesarian section operation. Only a doctor could decide, they said. The Boeck case, which may go to West Germany's high court if the city of Dortmund seeks leave to appeal, could have far-reaching consequences for German medicine. In the last years, with the rise of the women's liberation movement, the number of women requesting natural childbirths has increased enormously.

Over the same period, with rare exceptions, West German hospitals have become bigger, more bureaucratic and ever more reliant on advanced medical technology. Despite the most advanced obstetrics in Europe, the country has one of Europe's highest infant mortality rates, higher than in Scandinavia, Britain or the Netherlands. German gynaecologists are divided about what lessons to draw from the statistics. Although many see the answer in more and better machines, a growing number want to see a return to more natural conditions.

"The Dutch, with the highest proportion of home births in Western Europe, have one of the lowest infant mortality rates. That must teach us something," a Bonn obstetrician said. A hospital in Dachau, outside Munich, is determined to find out and is recreating the conditions of a home birth inside its maternity ward. Two rooms, decorated like ordinary bedrooms, are set aside for mothers requesting natural births. They contain double beds to enable the father to lie next to the mother while she delivers the baby.

Bruce Lee's death still plagues Hong Kong film industry

By Chan Hok-Kung

HONG KONG (R) — The death of Kung-Fu superstar Bruce Lee eight years ago is still depressing Hong Kong's once-booming film industry. No one, it seems, can replace his magic ingredient for action-packed thrillers. Now the local industry is trying for more quality and variety, less blood and gore and instant death.

The budgets are as high or bigger, but movie moguls Sir Run Run Shaw and Raymond Chow are looking to more universal themes and international casts as a way of regaining Hong Kong's foothold in the world movie market. The problems plaguing the industry are reflected in figures. Hong Kong burst into the market in 1972 with swash-buckling films starring Bruce Lee and setting in train a boom that rivalled the heyday of Hollywood.

That year, about 130 films were made and output rose to 201 the following year. With Lee's death in 1973, the bubble burst and last year output dropped to 137. Profits for Shaw Brothers (H.K.) Ltd., the Asian movie empire headed by Sir Run Run, dropped 24 per cent in the last financial year to \$4.7 million.

Chow refuses to disclose profits for the rival Golden Harvest International Group, one-time producer of Bruce Lee blockbusters which he heads. The company is making a serious attempt to groom Peking opera performer-turned actor Jackie Chan as Lee's successor. He has become a household name in Asia but has yet to match Lee's popularity on the international screen.

Based on local box office records, but taking into account inflationary increases in cinema admission charges, Chan seems to enjoy as much popularity as Lee. The top Bruce Lee grosser, *The Way of the Dragon*, made \$1.05 million in 1973 compared with \$2.2 million the most profitable Jackie Chan film *Young Master* grossed last year.

The Hong Kong industry is blessed with the talent of locally-born film workers and cinematographic artists from China, who sought refuge in Hong Kong following the 1949 Communist takeover of the Chinese mainland and have since made the British colony their home.

Productions by the industry before Bruce Lee were aimed at Asian audiences. Now, adding to its woes, the Southeast Asia market is shrinking. Taiwan, South Korea and Indonesia have imposed tight import quotas on foreign films. The Indochinese countries

— Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea — have pursued a very restrictive trade policy since the Communist takeovers in 1975. Today, only Singapore, with its predominantly Chinese population, and Malaysia remain as the region's principal markets for Hong Kong-made Chinese language films. In Singapore, the productions compete successfully with Western films.

Because of shrinking markets and increasingly sophisticated audiences, the Hong Kong film industry has decided something very big is needed to reassert its influence on the world movie scene.

As a Golden Harvest spokesman put it, "audiences are being more quality-conscious. If we continue to produce quality films the future will be right indeed." Golden Harvest has achieved modest success with films catering to Western audiences and has

budgeted \$50 million for this year's international film productions.

They include an adventure epic *High Road to China*, based on a novel by Jon Cleary and starring Roger Moore, an action spectacular *Megaforce* and *The Protector* featuring Jackie Chan. Sir Run Run said his company is co-producing with the Hollywood makers of *Star Wars* a \$20 million space adventure entitled *Blade Runner*. Centered on the activities of a computer-controlled monster, the new film will more than double the cost of the 20th Century-Fox thriller, which was budgeted at \$8.5 million.

Two horror spine-chillers which the company co-produced with Western studios opened recently in the United States and West Germany.

While the local conglomerates have set up

extensive distribution networks and their own cinema chains the world, Hong Kong's dozen or so small, independent studios seeking to branch out internationally have had trouble marketing their films overseas.

Some have solved it through joint productions with foreign companies. Most of those films will be shot on location in the United States and other Western countries. Hong Kong films geared to the Asian regional market cost on average about \$140,000 and local productions accounted for eight of the 10 top box office successes here last year. A Golden Harvest comedy, *Security Unlimited* starring local actor-director Michael Hui, caused a sensation this year when it grossed \$3.6 million to set an all-time Hong Kong record. But local producers agree there is still some way to go before the colony can stake a claim in the big league of film makers.



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At NATO meeting

Allies to challenge U.S. defense stand

BRUSSELS, May 11 (R) — NATO's European defense ministers decided Monday to go on the offensive against criticism in the United States about the size of their contribution to Western defense. They agreed to intensify a campaign to counter often-heard complaints that well-off western Europe does not bear its fair share of the burden, sources at their meeting said Monday.

Ministers, meeting ahead of a full session Tuesday of the NATO defense planning committee, believed their contributions should not be measured only in financial terms, whether or not they reach the target of a real three percent increase in military budgets, the conference sources said.

Cost effectiveness and manpower level should also be taken into account, they argued. Defense spending is likely to dominate the two-day meeting of the planning committee when United States and Canadian ministers join those of 11 European countries.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger is expected to urge the allies to match the United States' defense spending increase and to provide more help in defending the Gulf, sources said.

The ministers also decided to set up a special group to study the recruitment of skilled personnel in the armed forces and stop them from being lured away by better pay pros-

pects in civilian industry, they said.

The problem of keeping highly-skilled personnel such as telecommunications experts or jet pilots is common to many countries of the alliance, including the United States, although it has been made less acute by the economic depression and the high level of unemployment. It is not exclusively due to the level of pay in the armed forces but also to social conditions such as frequent reassignments or tours of duty far from home which create family tensions, the sources said.

France, which left NATO's military wing in 1966, does not take part in the twice-yearly meetings of NATO's defense ministers, but ministers discussed in private the election of Socialist Francois Mitterrand to the French presidency.

Weinberger said Sunday during a stop-over in Britain that the United States was trying to increase its ability to defend the Gulf with the Rapid Deployment Force but that it did not think it could do it alone.

Although only France and Britain have the naval capacity to play an effective military role in the region, other NATO countries could contribute to the allied effort by playing a bigger part in other areas, such as the West German Navy in the North Atlantic, the sources said.

S. Korea frees 46 politicians

SEOUL, May 11 (AP) — Forty-six South Korean political prisoners were released Monday under an amnesty decree on the Buddha's birthday. Under the amnesty, 19 other dissidents who had been freed earlier, had either their civil rights restored or their unexpired terms erased from the records.

The Seoul government also announced that 587 common criminals were paroled in observance of the Buddha anniversary which fell Monday.

The 46 freed included Kim Hong-II, the eldest son of dissident leader Kim Dae-Jung, who had been serving a prison term, reportedly of three years, at Taejon, south of Seoul, for alleged illegal political activities early last year.

Kim Dae-Jung, who ran unsuccessfully in 1971 against then incumbent President Park Chung-Hee, was sentenced to death last year on sedition charges but his penalty was commuted to life imprisonment by President Chun Doo-Hwan in January prior to his state visit to Washington for talks with President Ronald Reagan.

Florida crater gobbles up houses, cars

WINTER, PARK, Florida, May 11 (AFP) — The bottom seemed to have dropped out of this Florida township this weekend — literally, as it sprang a voracious, expanding crater that gobbled up a house, six automobiles, one trailer home, half a parking lot, part of a swimming pool and the back of a row shops.

The mystery hole, which appeared late Friday night, grew and grew throughout Saturday and by Sunday was some 300 meters across and 55 meters deep. Though it appeared to have stopped growing, police said, residents evacuated from the vicinity had still not moved back to their homes.

According to geologists, such holes are not infrequent in this part of Florida. Some months ago a motorist was nearly drowned when he drove his car through what appeared to be a large puddle. The puddle was a hole filled with water, and the car sank out of sight.

BRIEFS

MADRID, (AFP) — Four persons have died and 40 others have been hospitalized in the Madrid area after having contacted "legionnaire's disease," the Madrid newspaper *El Pais* reported here Sunday. The disease, a respiratory infection that first appeared in 1976 during an American legion convention in Philadelphia, has already caused several deaths among hotel guests in some Spanish tourist centers.

TOKYO, (AFP) — A 23-year-old office worker died in hospital Sunday after he was hit by a man jumping from the rooftop of a department store in downtown Tokyo Saturday evening, police said. Masahiro Satake died of a broken neck and a brain hemorrhage.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Rajiv Gandhi, only surviving son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, will stand for parliament next month, the ruling Congress Party's general secretary Vasant Dada Patil announced Monday. Gandhi, 37, will contest the parliamentary by-election from Amethi constituency, in Uttar Pradesh state, on June 13, and has already quit his job as a pilot.

VIENNA, (AP) — Eighteen Czechoslovak dissidents jailed in Prague recently are expected to be charged with anti-state activity, dissident sources here said Sunday. Among those to be charged are former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek, Olga Vavlova, wife of imprisoned playwright Vaclav Havel, and Havel's brother, Ivan.



VICTOR ACCLAIMED: Socialist Francois Mitterrand is acclaimed by his party colleagues and supporters in Paris Sunday when he won the French presidential election, defeating President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's bid for a seven-year term.

5 Mitterrands listed among noted French

PARIS, May 11 (R) — The French president-elect is one of five members of the talented Mitterrand family to appear in the French *Who's Who*. Apart from Francois Maurice Mitterrand, described as a lawyer and politician, there are his brothers Jacques, Henri and Robert and a nephew Olivier, a 37-year-old businessman.

Jacques Mitterrand, is a retired air force general who once had his finger on France's nuclear trigger. He now heads Aerospatiale, the state firm which helped to build the Concorde supersonic airliner and plays a major role in the booming Airbus project.

Robert Mitterrand briefly followed Francois into politics and then became a successful engineer and businessman. The fourth brother, Henri, had an academic career, teaching literature in France, Canada, and the United States and writing a series of critical works on novelist Emile Zola.

The new president's sister, Marie-Joséphine, fails to get a *Who's Who* entry although she was made a notable success of her career as an artist — she held a Paris exhibition of her works in 1978 — and film scenarist.

Two youths die as riots erupt in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, May 11 (Agencies) — Overnight rioting in a mixed-race township just southeast of Johannesburg left two youths dead, 21 injured and scores of cars and shops gutted by fire, police said Sunday. Police used tear gas and then fired shots at the legs of youths that formed roving bands of looters in Reiger Park, the South African Press Association said.

A police spokesman said the violence apparently was sparked by friction between the "colored" inhabitants of the township and Indians who own many of the shops. ("colored" is the term used in South Africa for people of mixed race.)

Six policemen also were injured, according to the spokesman. It was not immediately known if the two slain youths were shot by police or killed by other rioters. Capt. F.N. Swart, a spokesman at the nearby Boksburg police station, said that many of the rioters had firearms.

A statement issued Sunday by Reiger Park community leaders denied the riots were racially motivated. It blamed the violence on "the acute housing shortage" in the township and the alleged failure of South Africa's white-minority government "to bring relief to the suffering of the people."

In an unrelated development, the Johannesburg offices of Reuters news agency were evacuated Sunday night after fire swept through a floor of the high-rise building where they are located, a fire department spokesman said. The spokesman did not say what caused the fire. He said the building's electricity was cut off and was expected to be restored before Wednesday, but that emergency measures might be taken to allow the British agency to transmit before then.

In El Salvador

Relief official kidnapped

SAN SALVADOR, May 11 (AP) — Teofilo Siman, vice president of the El Salvador Red Cross for the past five years, was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen last week, members of his family said Sunday. They said a group of armed men grabbed Siman outside his home Friday evening in the Escalon district of the Salvadoran capital and left with him.

His wife, Maria Elena Dada de Siman, was with him at the time. The sources said the gunmen warned her not to notify police or other authorities of the abduction; otherwise the relief official would be killed. A wealthy businessman, Siman had no known political affiliation and was not involved in politics. But his wife is the sister of Hector Dada Hiresi, who was a member of the ruling civilian military junta from Oct. 15, 1979, to Jan. 4, 1980, when he and others resigned to protest the rightist drift of the government.

Dada Hiresi, a Christian Democrat, later joined the Democratic Revolutionary Front, a federation of the country's principal leftist organizations opposed to the junta.

Among other property, Siman's family owns a large three-story general store in downtown San Salvador. The sources said the family has received no ransom request, and police and other authorities refused to confirm or deny the report.

The leftists have been fighting to overthrow the junta and set up a popular government in El Salvador. The rightists, in turn, have been hunting down and killing leftists and suspected leftists. More than 8,100 persons, mostly civilians, have been killed in the underground war during the first four months of this year, according to the El Salvador Human Rights Commission. Another 13,000 were killed last year.

Residents of Santa Ana reported heavy fire Saturday night. They said leftist groups simultaneously attacked the local army barracks compound and national police and treasury police posts, with the shooting lasting more than three hours.

Santa Ana, 69 kms west of the capital, is El Salvador's second largest city. A Red Cross spokesman said the organization had no reports of casualties. Military sources refused to confirm or deny the fighting in Santa Ana took place.

Meanwhile, El Salvador's rainy season is adding sickness to the misery of the 11,000 war refugees perched on a mountain top in the coffee growing town of Berin. Officials say disease has killed about 500 refugees here since they started arriving a year ago.

"Most of the dead are small children and older people," said Oscar Rene Guevara, assistant to the mayor. "It's bronchitis, chicken pox, diarrhea, malnutrition and other things." He said there is virtually no medicine in the town and the two doctors the government sent recently have only limited supplies.

Two other doctors from the International Red Cross visit here from time to time. The Red Cross doctors say they see about 125 patients a day. The town's clinic is a bleak green room, illuminated by a single fluorescent tube and whatever sunlight straks through the door.

Berlin, founded a century ago by German immigrants, was once a prosperous town, with a population of 39,000 in the city and nearby coffee plantations. Many plantations have closed for lack of financing or from fear of leftist attacks, and these days there is little work.

Mate's absence makes hippo kind

NEW DELHI, May 11 (AP) — Absence, it would seem, does indeed make the heart grow fonder — even among hippopotamuses. But in this case, the absence of her mate apparently led seven-year-old Neera to become fond of her newly born calf.

Neera, who resides in the Prince of Wales Zoological Gardens in Lucknow, capital of the north-central state of Uttar Pradesh, has had three previous calves, all of which she killed, the United News of India (UNI) reported Monday.

A few days before her latest calf was born recently, the zoo decided to move the father, Neeraj, to a separate enclosure, zoo deputy director Dawar Hussein told UNI. That apparently did the trick. Hussein said that in the absence of her mate, Neera shifted her affection to the calf when it was born. She now licks and feeds the baby with care and affection.

Despite escalating violence

Guatemala prepares for poll

GUATEMALA CITY, May 11 (R) — Preparations are afoot in Guatemala for general elections next March against an uneasy background of daily battles between left-wing guerrillas and government forces and even greater civil strife in neighboring El Salvador.

Guatemala's seven million inhabitants are presently ruled by Gen. Romeo Lucas Garcia's centrist coalition though many critics say its policies are far from centrist. With about 10 months to go before polling, it already seems likely that another coalition will form the new government and that violence will overshadow the elections.

According to human rights and church groups, more than 3,000 persons died in political violence last year in this Central American country. Diplomats and visiting journalists agree that the guerrillas in the Guatemalan hills are not as formidable as those in El Salvador, but nobody doubts that they pose a threat to the country's stability.

Left-wingers and human rights groups accuse the Guatemalan government of repressing any peasant movement which might threaten the power of the landowners, who mainly control the country's big crops of coffee, sugar and cotton.

Despite intermittent leftist insurgencies over the past 25 years, elections have been held in Guatemala every four years since 1966. But many victories by the usually army-backed candidates have been met with

accusations of widespread electoral fraud.

The present government, which denies being manipulated by far-right forces, took office in 1978 and is formed by the Revolutionary (PR) and the Institutional Democratic Party (PID). Four parties took part in the 1978 election and another four have since been legally approved. The Communists have been banned.

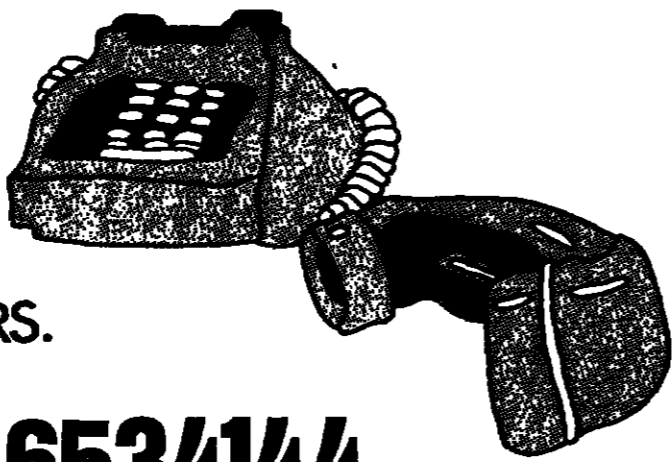
Two of the parties expected to do well have not yet decided if they will put forward candidates because of violence within the country. The Christian Democratic Party (DC) and the United Revolutionary Front (FUR) accuse the government of allowing right-wing death squads to wreak havoc in the ranks of their members.

Since a recent assassination attempt, DC Secretary General Vinicio Cerezo wears a bulletproof vest in public. He says two prominent political leaders were murdered in 1979 and more than 72 DC followers were killed in the past year.

The Marxist-led guerrillas see a revolution similar to that which triumphed in nearby Nicaragua as the only way to social justice in this, the region's most prosperous country.

They have killed police, soldiers and government officials and seem certain to step up their increasingly regular attacks. The Christian Democrats and the FUR have argued for a peace formula to halt the escalating violence but the government believes the guerrillas must simply be wiped out.

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Agrees with Reagan

Haig earns trust, intends to keep post

WASHINGTON, May 11 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said he had compatible views with President Ronald Reagan and dismissed reports circulating that he might resign.

Haig stressed Sunday in an interview with S. News and World Report magazine that he had no intention of quitting in the near future, saying he intended "to stay right where I am."

He has been criticized for saying he was "in control" at the White House immediately after President Reagan was wounded in an assassination attempt March 30 and for his self-publicized clashes with several administration officials.

The White House recently went to unusual lengths to underline the President's confidence in Haig after reports that senior members of the presidential staff believed he had been trying to assume total power over the formulation and execution of foreign policy.

"I believe the president has confidence in me and we hold compatible views," Haig told the magazine. He said he and the president held daily consultations, adding "We have a lot to do together and we are going to do it."

Haig also repeated his belief that the Soviet Union was "showing signs of historical decline" and defended U.S. policy on El Salvador. Moscow had growing problems at home and abroad, he said, citing the Kremlin's difficulties with China, Afghanistan,



INTENSIVE: An intensive expression of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig during the NATO foreign ministers' meeting recently.

Vietnam and Poland. But he cautioned against complacency.

"They (the Soviet Union) are dangerous because they are armed to the teeth and stronger than the United States in some categories," he said, adding that history had shown that nations were often tempted "to seek to ameliorate the consequences of internal problems through foreign diversions."

Despite NATO decision

Dutch may defer missile plan

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, May 11 (AP) — The U.S. pledge to begin arms control talks with the Soviet Union has made it more likely that the Netherlands will again postpone its decision on accepting new NATO nuclear missiles.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, trying to calm European concerns about rising East-West tensions, said in Rome this week that the talks would start by December.

return, NATO minister reaffirmed their 79 commitment to update the missile force to 572 new Pershing II and cruise missiles. December is precisely when the Dutch government agreed to make a final decision based on progress in arms control talks — accepting their allotment of 48 cruise missiles. Several politicians and diplomats here say the timing complicates the agonizing 10-year-old debate here on the NATO modernization plan and that another delay is a best NATO should hope for.

"I'm glad that they will start so late in the year," Ton Frinking, a Christian Democrat parliament and a defense specialist for the party, said in an interview. "Everybody knows there can be no results immediately... I don't think there are options other than

either a 'no' or a postponement." Another postponement by the Netherlands, a stronghold of the European nuclear disarmament movement, would be certain to encourage opposition to the NATO plan elsewhere. The West German and British governments are facing increasing pressure from disarmament groups to reserve their earlier approval, and Belgium also has put off a final decision.

A day after the Rome announcement, Dutch Christian Democrat Joep de Boer suggested a new two-year postponement would be the only possible response short of an outright rejection. He told a Dutch newspaper that starting talks in December would not allow time for the arms talks to bear fruit before the date for the Dutch decision.

De Boer, a defense specialist for the CDA, added that the new missiles would not be ready for deployment before the end of 1984 anyway, allowing the Dutch to put off a final answer and press in the meantime for effective disarmament steps. "Postponement keeps the pressure on the stove regarding the need for serious negotiations with the Soviet Union," he said.

Mysterious Orient relies on ads

East and West marry through mail

HONOLULU, Hawaii, May 11 (AP) — While not exactly mail order brides hundreds of Asian women are using advertisements to find husbands, making promises to be sincere, home-loving, affectionate, "one-man" wives.

American men, saying they are put off by women's liberation and enticed by "the mysterious Orient," are writing to, and marrying, the women in the ads.

Bringing East and West together is John Broussard, 56, publisher of a BI-monthly publication he calls *Cherry Blossoms*. "We don't sell Oriental ladies," he explained carefully in a telephone interview. We sell addresses... We can't make the ladies write back to you. You have to make them want to write back."

From an overflowing apartment in the dusty plantation town of Honolulu on the island of Hawaii, the state's southernmost and largest island, his magazine in a year netted a profit of \$29,000.

"These ladies are looking for sincere, stable, understanding men for friendship or marriage," his catalog announces. One hundred dollars will bring a man the photos, descriptions, addresses and sometimes even telephone numbers of "over 1,600 lovely Oriental women" a year.

"It may seem unusual or even bizarre to marry someone you've only met through letters," one man wrote in a printed testimonial in the catalog. "But to me it's a lot better than marrying someone you've met

in a bar." For \$500 down, \$40 an hour and expenses, Broussard will find a bride for men who do not want the bother of writing. He gets \$1,008 after the wedding.

To aid his clients — about 1,008 receive each a 28-page issue — Broussard, has also written a handbook called *How to Write to Oriental Ladies*.

"Don't ask intimate questions in your first letter," says the book, along with suggestions to use commemorative stamps and scented stationery to attract the addressee's attention.

Keep it clean, brief and simple, he instructs. Do not mention marriage until the woman indicates an interest. If the correspondence seems to be developing well, do not rush things. "Correspond with her for at least six months before you make the final decision (on marriage)," he advises.

Broussard should know. He discovered his third wife and business partner, Kelly Pomeroy, by answering an ad for a "bush-whacking partner" in the personal section of a magazine.

Cherry Blossoms grew from several failed mail order ventures Broussard took up after 20 years of teaching at a community college in Washington state.

Now with each 10 a.m. trek to the post office, Broussard sends and receives more letters than any other customer in his town of 1,944 residents. "We publish one of every 10 letters we receive, and one of six

pictures," he said. "Glasses are out. Long hair is in."

Why do women in the Philippines, Malaysia, Korea, Japan and other countries cast their fate to a modern day matchmaker?

"First of all, money," Broussard answers matter-of-factly. "These women see American men as a means of security. "Then of course," he adds with a laugh, "There's the American kitchen. They've all seen the Hollywood movies."

Broussard claims that Asian women see American men as "very attentive and very polite."

As for the men, some are shy, some are macho types and some are "just plain losers," Broussard says. "We hear over and over again about a backlash to women's lib. They're also attracted to the mystique of the Orient."

Broussard sees his business as "providing a service to consenting adults." Despite his own initial skepticism, stemming from two failed marriages, he thinks the marriages that have resulted — 50 are known, a few hundred estimated — are more successful than others.

"Both sides enter the marriage with the idea of fulfilling certain definite roles," he says. "The man expects a submissive, home-loving, traditional, conservative wife. The woman wants stability, security, affection, understanding and a happy home life. They go into it with those expectations and they live up to them."

In Britain

Racists 'recruiting' children

LONDON, May 11 (R) — An independent research group said Monday Britain's education authorities were dangerously unaware of activities by racist neo-Nazi groups in recruiting growing numbers of schoolchildren. A report, "Nazis in the Playground," by the center for Contemporary Studies said the extreme right, including overtly racist groups like the National Front and the British Movement, was recruiting

Kidnappers free sisters

ROME, May 11 (AFP) — Two sisters aged 14 and nine were released by kidnappers near here Monday after two months of captivity and nationally televised auction of paintings to raise money for a ransom. The pair, Silvia and Micol Incardona, were spotted by a passing motorist near Attigliano about 70 kms north of Rome, police said.

It was not immediately known whether any ransom money had in fact been paid to the kidnappers, who struck on March 12 in central Italy's Lazio region, near Rome.

The parents, computer engineer Felice Incardona and his wife Anna, had at first been unable to find enough money to pay a ransom which Incardona called "astronomical," despite borrowing from friends and banks. A private television station helped them raise money.

hard among the young.

Quoting from rightist literature which it said was designed to provoke hostility toward black people, it commented: "The message of the National Front and others is entirely negative, hateful and brutal. But it finds a response among young people in the inner cities who see themselves graduating from school at the earliest opportunity into indefinite unemployment, without prospects or compensation."

The report said that despite a disquieting upsurge in neo-Nazi activity this year there had been little committed opposition from political parties, trades unions and educational authorities.

It called on the government-funded Commission for Racial Equality, teachers' trades unions and other educational bodies to confront racism in schools directly and give individual teachers more support.

Two U.K. papers publish extracts of Charles' talks

LONDON, May 10 (R) — Extracts from alleged telephone conversations between Britain's Prince Charles and his fiancée, Lady Diana Spencer, which the couple say are fakes, were published in two newspapers available in Britain Sunday.

Large extracts from conversations alleged by British journalist Simon Kegan to have been taped while the prince was in Australia recently appeared in British mainland and Northern Ireland editions of a Dublin paper, *The Sunday World*.

The London-based *Sunday Times* also printed short extracts from the transcripts, first published by the West German magazine *Die Aktuelle* Friday. *The Sunday Times* said they contained major flaws. The British government banned imports of *Die Aktuelle* containing the transcripts but a department of trade spokesman said Sunday night the ban did not include other foreign publications.

Prince Charles and Lady Diana obtained a British high court injunction last week restraining Regan from making use of the contents of the tapes or publishing transcripts. The Irish independent newspaper in Dublin carried extracts of the alleged conversations Saturday.

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Tax-cut plan to stay in toto, Regan says

WASHINGTON, May 11 (R) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has said the administration would maintain its insistence on a 30 per cent tax cut over the next three years and forecast that the program would be passed by Congress.

Our support is out there for President Reagan's tax cut program. The people want a stop in the amount of money they are paying to the federal government... that's what we are banking on, the people to give us the victory," he said in an interview on ABC television.

The House of Representatives gave the president his first major congressional victory last week when it approved his \$688.8 billion budget for 1982, which cuts government spending in all areas except defense. The cuts are part of Reagan's package aimed at reviving the ailing U.S. economy, which is marked by a 12 per cent inflation rate, seven per cent

unemployment and interest rates nearing 20 per cent. Regan said the tax cuts were essential to the success of the package because they were part of long-range economic planning.

But Illinois Democrat Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said in a separate television interview that he was still opposed to President Reagan's proposed tax cut of 10 per cent a year three years and forecast a battle in Congress. Rostenkowski said he did not expect Democrats on his committee to support the three-year plan and he did not think Congress should pass it.

"Commenting ourselves to a program that long with the unpredictability on the economy would be dangerous —," he said on CBS television. But he said he recognized that President Reagan was more popular now and that his economic package was winning acceptance.

French assembly poll

Lull in EEC work to continue

BRUSSELS, May 11 (AP) — The election lull in the European Economic Community (EEC) business is expected to continue through June while newly-elected French President Francois Mitterrand concentrates on helping his supporters win seats in the national assembly. The officials here said that in the long run Mitterrand's impact on the EEC may be more stylistic than substantive.

"The EEC is a community of countries trying to advance their own interests," a member of one of the larger delegations said. "Those interests don't change whether you have a Giscard d'Estaing in power or a Mitterrand."

During the legislative campaign, Mitterrand is expected to continue a tough line to advance the interests of French farmers and businessmen and fishing in ongoing negotiations. For this reason, the necessary compromises required to reach agreement in the often-divisive EEC, are not expected.

No action is likely on a common fisheries policy, which would require a loosening of French demands for greater access to the North Sea fishing areas. Uncertainty on the new government's position on restructuring EEC steel industry was one of the reasons for cancellation of a meeting of industry ministers scheduled this week.

Jordan allots Japan \$224m contract

AMMAN, May 11 (AP) — Jordan signed a \$224 million contract with the Japanese giant Mitsubishi Corporation for the construction of a cement factory with an estimated output of two million tons of cement a year, official sources said Monday.

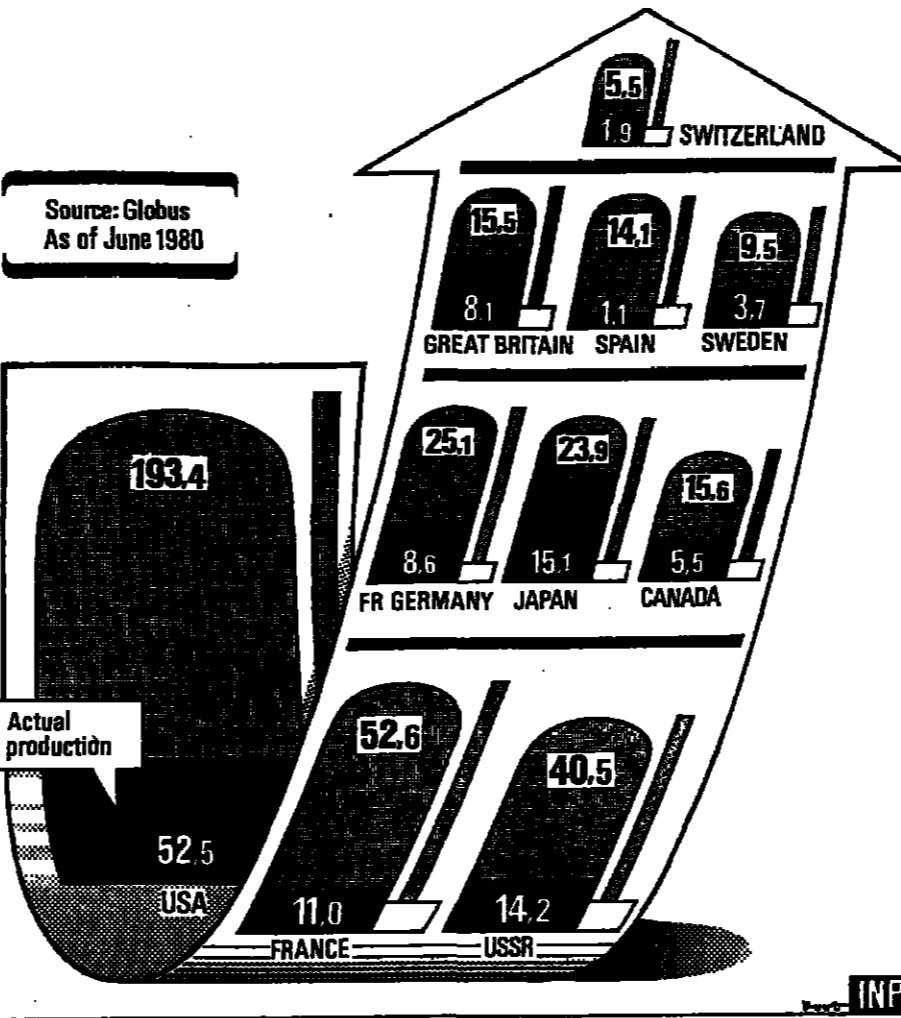
The giant plant will be constructed at Rashidiyeh, 134 miles (200 km) south of

Amman, and will be equipped with the latest technology perfected by Kobe Steel of Japan, the main subcontractor in the project, according to the sources.

The cement will mainly be for export to Saudi Arabia and Iraq, although growing domestic demand in Jordan will consume a percentage of production output.

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Farmers yet to gain U.S. lifting grain ban flayed

WASHINGTON, May 11 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's lifting of the partial embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union has prompted so much criticism at home and abroad that the foreign policy costs so far appear to outweigh possible political gains.

And two weeks after Reagan acted against the advice of Secretary of State Alexander Haig, there are no signs of a windfall for U.S. farmers who demanded the move in hopes of making early large sales to the Soviet Union.

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns said in a rare public criticism that the decision "has weakened the position of the United States," and "plays the game as Moscow wants it."

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said he was baffled that his country, a supporter of the embargo and other punitive measures imposed after the 1979 Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, was not consulted in advance. Peking also said it was puzzled, though most grain producers had found the embargo an irritant and some such as France wanted to resume sales to Moscow. Reagan's decision has prompted questions about the long-term costs that may bag his administration for some time.

Senior State Department officials fear the lifting of the embargo without advance consultations will weaken the effect of an overall trade embargo which the United States and its allies are planning should Moscow intervene in Poland.

At the same time officials are trying to determine whether the U.S. action, taken unilaterally without any *quid pro quo* from the Soviet side, is viewed in Moscow as a sign of weakness belying Reagan's tough anti-Soviet rhetoric.

A third lingering question is whether Reagan rightly asserted that the embargo had been ineffective. And there is the broader issue about whether food can or should be used as an instrument of foreign policy.

A senior State Department official said Reagan had been aware of the potential adverse reaction before making his announcement and the only explanation was that "he was being bloody-minded about carrying out a campaign pledge."

Reagan's decision has led to further strains between the State Department and the White House. State Department officials are voicing the same criticism in private as former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and former U.S. ambassador in Moscow Malcolm Toon are stating in public.

Vance said it was a serious mistake to lift the embargo. "It gives the wrong signal," he told Reuters in an interview. "It raises some questions about our constancy and ability to stay on the course we set," Vance added.

He said it created a credibility problem with U.S. allies in their efforts to assemble a package of measures in the event of a Soviet intervention in Poland.

This view was echoed by a senior State Department official who asked not to be identified. "Without exception, the reaction has been negative," he said.

"At a time when we are going through a period of adjustment and less coherence and consistency than intended, this action may have a very adverse connotation for our allies. On a pure cost-benefit analysis, I just can't understand the decision."

In Belgium Mystery odor hits U.S. firm

TESSENDERLO, Belgium May 11 (R) — A mysterious odor in eastern Belgium is costing a major U.S. oil company a lot of money.

Phillips Petroleum, which recently completed a \$50 million chemicals plant here, has been forced to stop production after complaints of an odor like rotten eggs.

The company, whose plant has been able to function for just a couple of weeks since it tried to start production last February estimates that it is losing \$20,000 a day.

"Only a company as large as Phillips could afford to go on with this. But we are determined to prove that we are not responsible for the smell and start production again next month," says Administrative Manager Frank Van Grootel.

Unused pipes and tanks and idle computer systems cover the 10-acre (4.5 hectare) site just outside this small town. They form an ironic contrast to the 60-year-old French owned "Tessenderlo Chemicals" plant next door, whose chimneys belch black and white

smoke into the still air. "We spent 20 per cent of our investment on safety and environment measures more modern than those in other areas around here. Yet we alone are accused of polluting the environment," Van Grootel said in an interview.

Phillips began production of Mercaptan substance used to give household gas a recognizable odor and to reinforce plastic Feb. 8 this year after a two-year campaign for secure permission for the plant. A week it was forced to stop after foul-smelling were reported in Tessenderlo, and 65 kms (65 miles) away in Brussels.

In Diest, 10 kms (six miles) away, a class of school children was taken to the complaining of upset stomachs. Reside Tessenderlo complained that when removed the plug in their baths, a fumes emerged. This proved inconclusive and the plant resumed production in Brussels. Complaints about the smell resumed.

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6.	Sentosa	Alssada	Vehs./Rice/Gen.	8.5.81
7.	Kapamichalos	A.A.	Bagged Barley	
8.	Dumbala	El Hawi	General	9.5.81
9.	Grand Fair	O.C.E.	Reefer	7.5.81
10.	Pantera	El Hawi	Steel/Tiles/Barley	9.5.81
11.	Liguria	Star	Reefer	8.5.81
12.	Krokodil	El Hawi	General	6.5.81
13.	Atalya	M.T.A.	Timber/Gen.	8.5.81
15.	Sacramento Maru	A.E.T.	Gen/Contra.	10.5.81
18.	Odysseus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	9.5.81
19.	La Cordillera	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	9.5.81
20.	Union Darwin	O.C.E.	Contra/Steel/wood	7.5.81
21.	Theonto A.S.	SMSC	Maize/Sorghum/Rice	10.5.81
22.	Mashida	"	Maize/Phico/Beans/Gen.	7.5.81
23.	Arh Kim	Alatas	General	9.5.81
24.	Hilco Skier	Star	Reefer	8.5.81
25.	Ethoko Maru	O.C.E.	"	8.5.81
27.	Josef Roth	Allreza	General	8.5.81
29.	Med Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	7.5.81
31.	Gaffredo	Star	Reefer	5.5.81
32.	Redsea Cement	Alsabab	Bulk Cement	6.5.81
38.	Condor	Star	General	10.5.81
39.	Lanka Kalyani	Gul	Tea	10.5.81
40.	Reefer Star	O.C.E.	Reefer	"
41.	Gladar Verde	O.C.E.	"	8.5.81
42.	San Niloolas	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	1.5.81

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Condor	Star	General	"
Nikolay Golvanov	A.E.T.	Contra.	11.5.81
Sacramento Maru	"	Contra/General	10.5.81
Jacak Malczewski	Attar	Contra.	"
Lanka Kalyani	Gulf	Tea	"
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2.	Sunny Trader	Saita	Bagged Cement	10.5.81
13.	Edelweiss	S.E.A.	General	8.5.81
22.	Kao Chang	Gosalbi	Steel/Gen/Contra	7.5.81
23.	Ned. Van Daermen	Kanoo	Containers	10.5.81
24.	Clifford Mzersk	Kanoo	Containers	10.5.81
25.	Vancouver Forest	Barber	Containers	10.5.81
27.	Lenka Raina	S.E.A.	Bagged Barley	10.5.81
33.	Kota Camik	S.A.A.	General	10.5.81
34.	Sohamal	Alssada	General	7.5.81
35.	Nordhal (D.B.)	Alisabah	Bulk Cement	4.5.81
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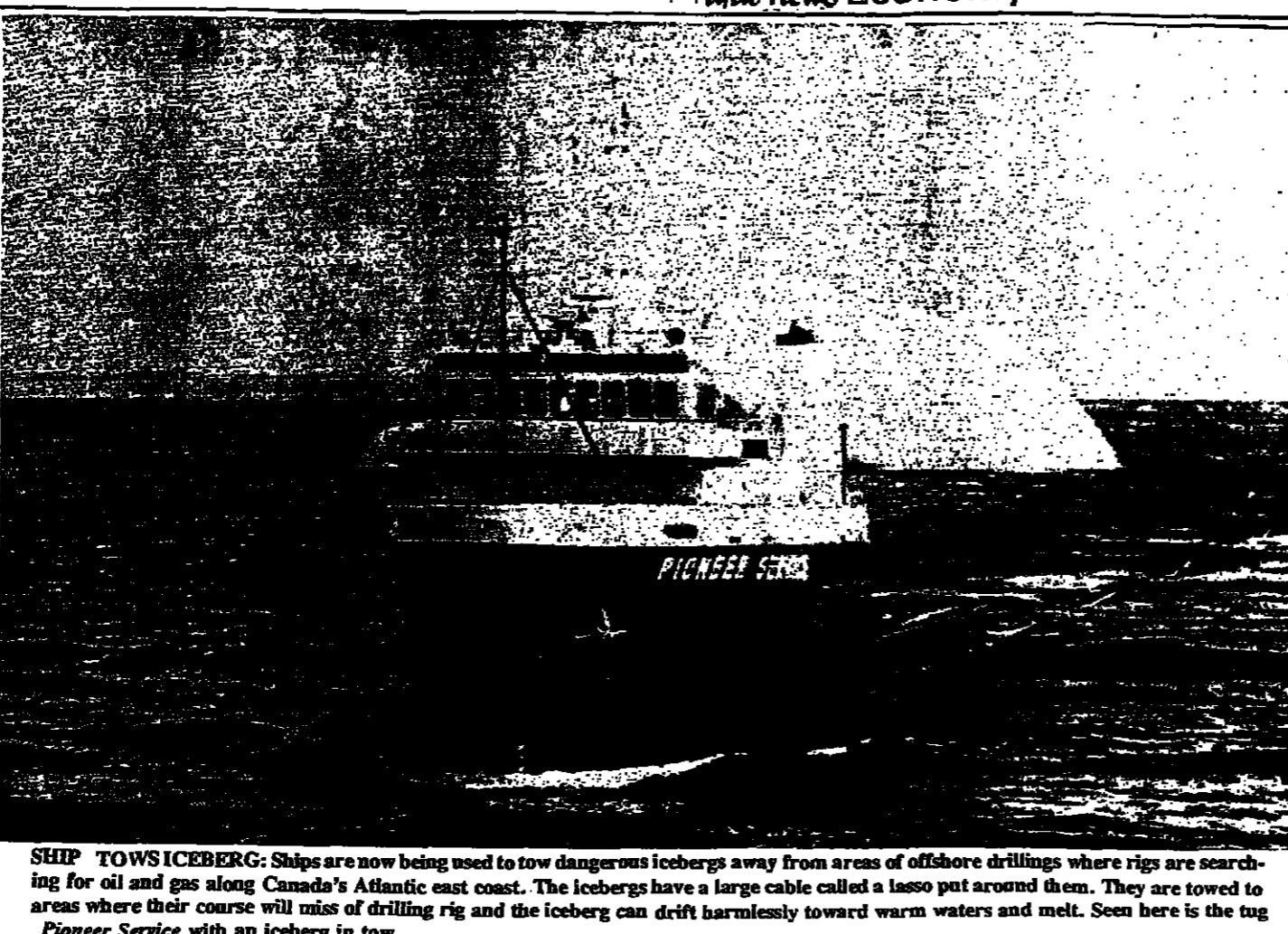
American grain rates plunge

LONDON, May 11 (AFP) — American grain rates to Europe fell to their lowest for two years while those to Japan were a 12-month low for both grain and coal on the freight market last week as the over tonnage situation continued.

The uncertainty created by the U.S. coal strike, now entering its sixth week as well as the lifting of the U.S. ban on grain shipments to the Soviet Union (which will mean vessels making much shorter journeys from the United States instead of South America as at present and become available for re-charter much sooner) were the main influences which turned rates to charterers' advantage.

Holidays in certain centers also played their part in dampening down interest. More Soviet activity was noted and Sovfracht (the Soviet booking agency) was believed to have taken more vessels for transatlantic voyages USA/Europe, but details were not forthcoming.

Enquiry was said to range from the U.S. Gulf to the Great Lakes. The depressing effect of combination vessels (capable of carrying oil or bulk cargoes) in the grain trades was borne out by the fixture of a 75,000 tonner from the U.S. Gulf to Europe at \$13 down \$2 on previous business and the lowest rate since early 1979.



SHIP TOWS ICEBERG: Ships are now being used to tow dangerous icebergs away from areas of offshore drillings where rigs are searching for oil and gas along Canada's Atlantic east coast. The icebergs have a large cable called a lasso put around them. They are towed to areas where their course will miss of drilling rig and the iceberg can drift harmlessly toward warm waters and melt. Seen here is the tug Pioneer Service with an iceberg in tow.

Financial Roundup Riyal, dollar keep firm

By J.F. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 11 — The dollar had a firm day in Europe and rose moderately over all other currencies. Dollar interest rates continued firm, but eased slightly at end of the trading day, especially in the short tenors. Gold and silver firmed in London after the news of the Mitterrand victory in France. The French franc had an erratic day. The franc fell as low as 5.5020 at one stage, but "massive" intervention by the Bank of France brought the rate down to 5.47-5.48 levels. At one stage, some banks were quoting exceptionally wide rates for the franc. Locally, riyal deposit rates firmed slightly after the dollar deposit rates kept their ground. Short-term rates rose by 1/2-3/4 per cent in most tenors, but spot riyal was reported quiet on the local exchanges.

From Friday closing rates of 2,1230 levels, the sterling fell to 2,1085, showing the sensitivity of this currency to run on the dollar. The yen fell to 218.00 levels before Monday to 217.00 levels. Traders were unsure of what directions to take initially on the yen as a heavy seasonal import covering was expected to weaken the yen. When this did not materialise, the yen recovered some ground against the dollar. The German mark had an erratic day and fell to 2,2750 levels at one point before recovering some points to level off at 2,2710 by late afternoon trading. Rumors of Bundesbank — German central bank — interventions and

plannings unsettled the market, but again nothing materialized on the expected German decision to either raise German interest rates or push more vigorously for commensurate reductions in other interest rates, especially the dollar's. The Swiss franc continued to be weak against the dollar at 2,0730 levels, and the Dutch florin touched new record lows at 2.55 levels.

Dollar interest rates opened firm Monday with three-month London rates being quoted at 19 7/16-19 9/16 on opening, but later easing to 19 5/16 - 19 7/16 per cent. Short dates, similarly, eased by as much as 3/4 per cent to level off at 19 1/16 - 19 3/16 for one-month deposit rates. Interest rate factors, rather than anything else continue to be the single most important element for the dollar's present strength.

Locally, riyal deposit rates firmed by as much as 1/2 to 3/4 per cent in most tenors in face of the dollar's strengthening. One-month JIBOR rate opened at 15 1/2 - 16 per cent, but by mid-afternoon trading reached 16 1/2 - 16 3/4 per cent. Similarly, the one year closed at 16 1/2 - 16 3/4 per cent levels after opening rates of 15 1/2 - 16 1/4 per cent. Most activity was again concentrated in the short dates. On the local exchanges, riyal spot rates did not move much from 3,3610-20, but this was far higher from the nervous opening levels of 3,3596 - 40 when the Saudi markets were not yet sure how the dollar would open in Europe. The general market expectations is for a firmer dollar to remain with us for the next few days.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Saudi Riyal	—	8.75	8.93
Belgian Franc (1,000)	92.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	3.20	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	149.00	150.50	148.00
French Franc (100)	134.00	138.00	133.20
Swiss Franc (100)	—	4.05	4.26
Syrian Pound	—	91.30	91.60
Saudi Dirham (100)	63.00	63.00	61.50
Jordanian Dinar (1,000)	—	66.00	61.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.35
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Taiwan Dollar	—	8.00	—
Japanese Yen (10,000)	30.00	32.00	30.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.50
Canadian Dollar	—	10.24	10.17
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.14
Japanese Yen (100)	—	80.75	78.50
Saudi Dirham (100)	—	69.50	67.70
Saudi Dirham (100)	—	—	34.10
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.70
Saudi Sterling	7.11	7.20	7.10
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	92.20	90.40
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	—	157.25
Saudi Riyal (1,000)	—	39.00	37.20
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	164.00	162.50
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	52.60	53.15
Saudi Riyal (1,000)	3.36	3.37	3,362.0
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.65

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Oil supply-demand balance on razor's edge

LONDON, May 11 (R) — No true glut yet exists in the world oil market but one could develop if rising output by Iraq and Iran is not matched by cuts in Saudi Arabia or other OPEC countries, according to experts quoted Monday by Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW).

The New York oil industry newsletter, which is also distributed in London, polled government and oil company experts and reached the view that "the supply-demand balance is on the razor's edge."

PIW said: "These forecasts do not point to a true glut... but if the rising supply of Iraq-Iran crude oil is not matched by a commensurate reduction in Saudi Arabia or other OPEC production, a true glut of substantial proportions could evolve." There was little room to store more excess oil and companies were already dumping surpluses onto the free market, it added.

PIW said there had been a dramatic fall in demand, but it was difficult to measure and upto 1982 and beyond, the experts are in near total confusion over outlook though most expect some revival in demand. It added that many warn against being "hoodwinked" into thinking a surplus will persist, noting that the world continues to depend on what they called vulnerable Middle East supplies.

PIW said the 21-nation International Energy Agency (IEA) was forecasting a tighter supply situation by the end of 1981 with demand in the fourth quarter up to at least 49.5 million BPD.

PIW found that some oil companies thought Saudi Arabia would stay its present level of more than 10 million BPD until it

PIW says

obtained total victory in its drive to moderate OPEC prices later this year, but most expected it to cut to 8 million BPD some time between July and October. "This supposedly would parallel an Iraq-Iran rise from about 2.7 million BPD now to as much as 4.5 million in the fourth quarter," PIW said.

London Commodities Closing Prices

	May 11
Gold (\$ per ounce)	489.50
Silver cash (per ounce)	538.25
3 months	553.50
Copper cash	835.25
3 months	859.00
Tin cash	6015.00
3 months	6115.00
Lead cash	337.00
3 months	344.00
Zinc cash	421.50
3 months	430.00
Aluminium cash	622.00
3 months	641.00
Nickel cash	3120.00
3 months	3087.00
Sugar May	177.75
Aug	179.25
Coffee May	1053.00
July	1065.00
Cocoa May	910.00
July	926.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton.
The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

U.S. bank hikes prime rate to 19.5%

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP) — Chase Manhattan Bank, the third-largest U.S. commercial bank, raised its prime lending rate Monday from 19 to 19.5 per cent, reflecting higher borrowing costs for American banks and soaring loan demand.

The prime rate last stood at 19.5 per cent in February, when it was declining from a record 21.5 per cent peak hit in December 1980. But the prime rate began rising in April after falling as low as 17 per cent.

The prime rate is represented to the interest banks charge for loans to their best-risk corporate borrowers, but banks have increasingly lent money at rates below the prime to valued customers. Interest rates have soared in recent weeks as the Federal Reserve Board has tightened its credit reins in an attempt to slow the growth of the U.S. money supply in its fight against inflation.

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In NBA Championship series

Celtics' fightback wee bit late

HOUSTON, Texas, May 11 (AP) — Mike Dunleavy and Moses Malone led a third-quarter Houston charge that carried the surprising rockets to 91-86 triumph over the Boston Celtics Sunday, tying the National Basketball Association championship series at two victories apiece.



Mike Dunleavy

Malone, Houston's 6-foot-10 workhorse center scored eight points as the Rockets opened the second half with a 10-2 surge for a 60-52 lead with 7:56 left in the third quarter. Then Dunleavy, a 6-3 guard who found his niche with his Houston team, took over. He scored 11 points in the last 6:14 of the third period to help the Rockets take a 75-67 lead into the fourth quarter.

Houston held an 88-76 advantage with 6:27 to play before Boston put on one final rally. The Celtics outscored the Rockets 10-3 in the remainder of the game, but missed four free throws down the stretch and could come no closer than the final margin.

Dunleavy, who was a little-used reserve on the 1977 Philadelphia team that lost in the title series to Portland, led all scorers with 28 points, his career playoff high. Robert Reid contributed 19 points. Cedric Maxwell scored 24 points and Robert Parish 18 for Boston, but Larry Bird was limited to just eight points for the second straight day.

The fifth game of the best-of-seven playoff finals will be played in Boston Tuesday night. Then the series returns to Houston for game 6 Thursday night. A seventh game, if necessary, would be played in Boston next Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Netherland beat England 96-82 (halftime 53-32) on the final day of the qualifying tournament in Istanbul for the European Basketball Championship, but England nevertheless qualified for the finals. The Netherlands had already been eliminated in earlier matches.

The game provided an opportunity for veteran Dutch player Keesakerboom to display his scoring ability — he notched up 37 points.



UP HE GOES: Rober Reid is all set for a basket in the Houston Rockets — Boston Celtics fourth playoff game which was won by Rockets 91-89. Reid playing from Rockets contributed 19 points.

Nash goes down to Gibilisco

DUBLIN, May 11 (R) — A volley of fierce right hand punches took Italian Joey Gibilisco to a sixth round knockout triumph over holder Charlie Nash of Britain in their European Lightweight Boxing Championship clash Sunday night.

Southpaw Gibilisco had Nash in trouble from the second round. A series of swinging rightfound their target and the champion was given a standing count of eight.

Seconds into the third round 26-year-old Gibilisco opened a put above Nash's right eye. Worse followed as Nash, bleeding profusely, took another standing count in the fourth. The holder rallied briefly but went down for another eight-count under a stinging combination of five heavy right handers in the sixth. Nash, 30 today, wobbled to his feet but the Italian promptly finished the job with three more ferocious punches.

Before the bout the Nash camp had dismissed Gibilisco's record of 11 knockouts in 28 fights because they were mainly against poor opposition. But the new European champion clearly has a strong right hand punch and Nash left himself open to it every time he jabbed. Nash went to hospital for stitches to injuries while Gibilisco remained unmarked.

Lietzke strikes it rich in Nelson Golf Classic

DALLAS, Texas, May 11 (AP) — Bruce Lietzke, playing a course he despises, tapped in a short par putt on the first hole of a sudden death playoff Sunday to defeat Tom Watson for the title of the \$300,000 Byron Nelson Classic.

Lietzke's victory kept Watson from matching the record of Walter Hagen of winning the same tournament four times in a row. Hagen won the PGA four straight times, and Watson had won the past three Byron Nelson tournaments.

Watson, who had holed a 15-foot putt for a birdie on the 72nd hole to earn the playoff, 3-putted from 30 feet on the 428-yard, par-4 no. 1 hole on the Preston Trail course, which he loves, while Lietzke 2-putted from 25 feet for his eighth PGA tour triumph.

Lietzke, who said one of his goals was to become a millionaire by the time he was 30, did so with the victory; with his \$54,000 Nelson payday, he has earned \$1,021,564 lifetime.

He also jumped to No. 1 on the money list with \$243,172 for the year. He won the Bob Hope Desert Classic and the San Diego Open earlier this year.

Finishing in a tie for third were Tom Purtzer and Bobby Clampett. Purtzer shot a 1-over-par 71 and Clampett had a 4-over-par

74 as both completed the round at 3-ov 283.

Watson's second-place money of \$32,461 put him over \$200,000 in prizes won in 11 Nelson — the most ever pocketed by a player in tournament history.

Meanwhile, Amy Alcott fired in five birdies over a six-hole stretch on the Backs Sunday to complete a six-under-par 66 th gave her a one-shot victory in the \$125,000 Lady Micheloo Golf Tournament.

Alcott, who started the day five strokes behind second-round leader Mullis Stac earned \$18,750 for the 15th tour victory her career, including her second this season. She started her birdie barrage at the par 12th hole when she sank a six-footer as came back with a seven-foot, side-hill putt for another birdie on No. 13.

Alcott, who won last year's U.S. Pen nine shots, moved into a five-way tie. She birdied No. 15 from 15 and took control with another 15-foot birdie putt in the 16th. She added another birdie from 12 feet at 17 and left a 15-foot birdie attempt just short of a hole in the 18th.

Sally Little, winner of three tourments this year, closed with a 70 to finish in second place at 210. Little Barely missed a 25-ft birdie putt on the final hole.



VICTORY YELL: Bruce Lietzke gives the victory yell as he beats Tom Watson to the Byron Nelson Golf title Sunday.

Chinaglia 'tricks' as Cosmos routs Blizzard

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, May 11 (AP) — Giorgio Chinaglia registered the 14th mat-trick of his North American Soccer League career and teammates Francois Van Der Elst and Chico Borja added goals Sunday to power the Cosmos to a 5-1 victory over the Toronto Blizzard.

The Cosmos, who have won six in a row trailed 1-0 at the half-time. Then deadlocked the game at 1-1 at 54:27, when Chinaglia, NASL all-time leading scorer, tallied on a penalty kick after Toronto defender Randy Ragan brought Roberto Cabanas down in the box.

Chinaglia, who has had 12 goals in eight games this year, made it 2-1 at 74:08. He took a pass from Vladislav Bogicevic and left-footed the ball past Toronto goalkeeper Tony Chursky.

Borja scored the first goal of his professional career at 82:54 with Bogicevic and Cabanas providing the assists to make it 3-1. Minutes later, Chinaglia tallied his third goal after assists from Van Der Elst and Seninho.

Van Der Elst closed the score at 88:27 with Bogicevic and Julio Romero getting the assists. For Bogicevic, the NASL's all-time assist leader, it was his third of the game.

Toronto which fell to 1-6 took an early lead on Jomo Sono's first half goal with an assist from Jose Velasquez. The Cosmos are now 7-1.

Brace by Glenn

In another match, Rudy Glenn scored two goals to lead the Chicago Sting to a 5-0 victory over the Dallas Tornado. The Sting moved out to a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Papo Margentic at 11:31 on a long pass from Dave Huson and by Glenn unassisted at 44:34.

Chicago increased its lead to 3-0 on Karl Heinzlgranz's goal, assisted by Greg Ryan and Ingo Peter. A header by Griz Ryan on a pass from Peter at 70:21 and Glenn's second goal of the game at 88:32 completed the scoring.

The win gave the Sting a record of 5-2 and 42 points, good for first place in the NASL's Central Division. Dallas is last in the division with a 2-6 mark and 15 points. Sunday's game at Writley Field on a cold, rainy day attracted a crowd of only 1,861.

Timbers prevail

Goals by John Bain, Dale Mitchell and Stuart Lee gave the Portland Timbers a 3-1 victory over the Los Angeles Aztecs. Bain

scored his fourth goal of the season off a penalty kick at 35:30 to put the Timbers ahead for good.

Mitchell scored his sixth goal of the year at 47:20 with assists from Lee and Jimmy Kelly, making it 2-0. Lee got his fourth goal of the campaign at 67:08. He was assisted by Bain.

The Aztecs got their only goal with just eight seconds remaining in the game on a penalty kick by Mihalj, his first goal of the season.

Portland now has a 5-3 record and is tied for first place in the Northwest Division with Seattle. Los Angeles dropped to 3-4.

Narrow victory

Meanwhile, forward Steve David scored his 100th career goal, leading the San Jose Earthquakes to a 1-0 victory over the Edmonton Drillers.

He became only the third player in NASL history to reach that mark. It was his third goal of the season.

The score came at 40:38 when defender Tony Powell head to midfielder Joe Horvath, who headed it back to David. The forward was four yards out, and headed the ball home. Powell and Horvath were credited with assists.

Drillers goalkeeper Pertti Alaja had 10 saves, while the Earthquake's Mike Hewitt had eight. It was his second shutout of the season and the 30th of his career, putting him among the top five goalkeepers for shutouts in the history of the league.

Splendid save

Goalie Mike Ivanov, filling in for the injured Jack Brand, made a sensational save on a penalty-kick at the 74th minute to preserve a 1-0 victory for the Seattle Sounders over the Calgary Boomers.

Gerd Zimmermann, who couldn't recall the last time he had missed a penalty kick, shot to Ivanov's right, feeling the keeper would dive to the opposite side where he had left the most room. Ivanov steered the ball out with his hands.

Seattle's goal at 29:15 was credited to American Mark Peterson but it went in off defender's D'Agostino's knee. Peterson's cross into the penalty area hit two other Calgary players, including goalie Jurgen Stags, and a goalpost before D'Agostino inadvertently ran into it.

NASL -- more depth sans superstars

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP) — This season, the North American Soccer League's newest acquisitions do not include aces such as Pele, Franz Beckenbauer or other departed foreign superstars.

But while this year's crop lacks a superstar, it has more depth than previous groups of NASL foreign recruits, said commissioner Phil Woosnam. "There are more good players coming into the league this year than in any other year," Woosnam said.

Like in previous years, most of the imported players came from Britain. But a couple of the best-known newcomers are South Americans, such as Chile's Elias Figueroa, who signed with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers. Cesar Menotti, coach of the Argentine National team, called Figueroa "the best sweeper I have ever seen in my life."

One of Menotti's own prodigies, Ruben Oscar Pagnanini, is now wearing a Minnesota Kicks uniform. The Kicks also nabbed British ace Steve Heighway of Liverpool.

Another World Cup standout is midfielder Kazimierz Deyna, who signed with the San Diego Sockers. Deyna, with nine goals, led Poland to a gold medal in the 1972 Olympic Games. Two years later he steered his nation



Steve Heighway

to a third-place finish in the World Cup. Foreign stars were first lured to the United States by the New York Cosmos, who drew criticism for their multi-million dollar con-

tracts. Other franchise owners feared the would create an imbalance of talent and ultimately, a spiraling of costs around the young, struggling league. However, this has not proved to be the case.

"A lot more teams are trying to read maybe, the standards the Cosmos have set, Woosnam said.

Other internationals who joined the NASL this year include Wales captain Terry Moran and England's Dave Thomas, both signing with Vancouver.

In Calgary, coach Al Miller convinced Bundesliga Alumni Helmut Kremers and Willi Neuberger to leave West Germany. In Toronto the Blizzard added English strike Jimmy Greenhoff.

The roughnecks enticed Britain's Duncan McKenzie to join Tulsa, wrapping up the biggest signing ever for that club. Steve Daley known to Americans by his fine play in last summer Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup, left Manchester City, England for the Seattle Sounders.

"There could be some tremendous racing this year because the qualities of the teams are more balanced," Woosnam said. "If they show the performance, they'll get the recognition. The word gets around."

World Cup qualifying

Eight months of thrilling soccer in the offing

LONDON, May 11 (R) — The main action in the 1982 World Soccer Cup qualifying competition will be packed into the next eight months with 21 of the 24 finalists to be decided before the end of the year.

So far only three teams are sure of places in the finals' draw which will be in Madrid on January 6. They are hosts Spain and holders Argentina, who were automatic qualifiers, and Brazil. Brazil comfortably won Group One of the South American qualifying zone, in which Bolivia and Venezuela were their opponents, and remain the only country who have reached the finals of every World Cup.

The 1982 finals will be staged in 14 Spanish cities between June 13 and July 11. For the first time, 24 countries will take part and there will be a total of 52 matches to decide the winners. The world-wide qualifying picture looks as follows:

EUROPE (Qualify: two from Groups one to six, one from Group seven):

GROUP ONE: West Germany, former champions and Austria look certain to qualify from this group although Bulgaria, with a home game against Austria in November, retain an outside chance of going to Spain. Standings (played-points): Austria 4-6, West Germany 3-6, Bulgaria 3-4, Albania 3-4, Finland 3-0.

GROUP TWO: The most keenly-contested of the European Groups with three points covering the top four teams. The Netherlands, runners up in the last two World Cups, have won three matches in a row but they started with two defeats and may be pressed to qualify. Standings: Belgium 6-9, Ireland 6-7, France 4-6, Netherlands 5-6, Cyprus 7-0.

GROUP THREE: Wales, seeking to reach the finals for the first time since 1958, have made a flying start with a maximum eight

points from four games. But they still have to travel to play their main rivals, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. Standings: Wales 4-8, Soviet Union 2-4, Czechoslovakia 3-4, Iceland 4-2, Turkey 5-0.

GROUP FOUR: Romania have opened up the group by taking three points off England, favorites to finish top. England must now do well on a forthcoming tour of the continent if they are not to miss out to the Romanians and Hungary, who have just started their qualifying program. Standings: England 4-5, Romania 3-4, Norway 3-3, Hungary 1-1, Switzerland 3-1.

GROUP FIVE: Italy, with eight points out of eight, have qualification within their grasp and Yugoslavia became favorites to go to Spain with them after hammering Greece 5-1. Standings: Italy 4-8, Yugoslavia 4-6, Greece 5-6, Denmark 5-4, Luxembourg 6-0.

GROUP SIX: Scotland may prove difficult to catch now they are two points clear at the top. Northern Ireland or Portugal should go through with them after Sweden's disappointing showing. Standings: Scotland 5-8, Northern Ireland 5-6, Portugal 4-5, Sweden 4-2.

GROUP SEVEN: Poland look favorites to edge East Germany out of the one qualifying place. They won a controversial match in Malta, which was abandoned but the 2-0 result stands, and beat East Germany 1-0 at home at the weekend. Standings: Poland 2-4, East Germany 1-0 at home at the weekend, Malta 2-0.

SOUTH AMERICA (Qualify: group winners):

GROUP ONE: Brazil, as expected, won the group with an unblemished record but had to work hard for their wins, 1-0 in Venezuela and 2-1 in Bolivia.

GROUP TWO: Group matches start in

July with Uruguay, after their success in the Gold Cup earlier in the year, favorites to come out top against Colombia and Peru.

GROUP THREE: Chile look the likely qualifiers from this group which gets underway later this month. Praguay and Ecuador are the other group members.

Central and North America and Caribbean (qualify: top two teams in section play-offs): Mexico and Canada qualified from North Zone El Salvador and Honduras from Central Zone, and Cuba and Haiti from Caribbean Zone for section playoffs in Honduras in November.

Mexico traditionally qualify from this section and should do so again although some of their North Zone performances lacked quality. Canada kept the United States out by beating them 2-1 at home and drawing 0-0 away.

AFRICA (Qualify: semifinals winners): Nigeria, who distinguished themselves by beating 1978 finalists Tunisia in the first round, and Cameroun are through to the semifinals. Algeria and Egypt may be the teams to join them, the Algerians having beaten Nigeria 4-0 in the first leg of their quarter final and Egypt having lost only 1-0 to Morocco in Casa Blanca.

ASIA-OCEANIA (Qualify: Top two teams in section playoffs):

China are still in the running to reach the finals after winning Group Four to make it to the section playoffs. Saudi Arabia, Group Two winners, and Group Three winners Kuwait are also through to the playoff.

Group One is unlikely to be resolved until the end of August or even September when Australia, favorites to finish top, play Indonesia and Taiwan. New Zealand and Fiji are the other teams in the group.

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In National League

Expos score fluent victory over Giants

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP) — Charlie Lea, a spot starter in his second year with the Montreal Expos pitched the first 9-hitter of the 1981 Major League season and only the second in two years with a 4-0 classic over the San Francisco Giants in the second game of Sunday's doubleheader.

The 24-year-old right hander allowed only four walks and struck out eight on a cool, cloudy day in Montreal's Olympic Stadium. All play behind him were routine. The Giants won the opener 5-1 as Enos Cabell and Darrell Evans cracked solo homers.

In other National League action, Jose Cruz drove in three runs and Craig Reynolds collected three hits, including a triple that set up the go-ahead run as the Houston Astros defeated the Cincinnati Reds 7-5.

Left-hander John Candelaria checked St. Louis on three hits over the first six innings and singled home leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-2 victory over the Cardinals.

New York Mets third baseman Hubie Brooks tied a modern-day NL record by committing errors in the fourth inning, opening the door for four unearned runs that helped the Los Angeles Dodgers score a 5-3 victory.

Rain forced postponement of the game between the Chicago Cubs and Atlanta Braves after they had played 14 innings to be 5-5 and sat through two rain delays.

In the American League, the Indians beat the Minnesota Twins 5-1 behind Wayne Gar-



Jose Cruz

land's seventh-hit pitching. Rudi slammed a three-run homer in Boston's four-run 10th inning as the Red Sox defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 9-5 for their fourth consecutive triumph.

Brian Downing's two-run home with two out in the eighth gave the California Angels a 4-3 comeback victory over the Detroit Tigers, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Oakland A's 13-5.

Parsons-Daniel fancied to win softball tourney

JEDDAH, May 11 — Softball teams from around the Kingdom converge on the Rayville Field this weekend when the Saudi Arabian softball tournament begins. Three Jeddah teams join the fray for the Kingdom championship, which will be a series of contests, double-elimination style, stretching from 7 p.m. Wednesday until the final Friday at 1:15 p.m.

"The softball championship is the oldest national competition," said Jeddah softball league commissioner Glenn Groom, who with Pro-Jeddah is organizing the event. "Oldest" in the Kingdom means three years, with the first two tourneys played out in Dhahran the last two years.

"There should be good, tight competition," said Groom. "All the teams coming are either league winners, or all-star entries." They'll be put up by the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Last year Ras-Fanara went home with the first-place trophy, but no team will represent that city this year. Two years back Groom's own local squad copped first-place honors.

Jeddah playoff winners Parsons-Daniel could well be one of the top contenders at Rayville. With perhaps the strongest infield in the league — Roger Stallings at second,

Sonny Gomez at shortstop and John Leviner at third — the team, coached by Mike Alvarez, in this season's playoffs nosed out Jeddah league champions, the Saudi Vets. Gomez, Stallings and Leviner, incidentally, were part of last weekend's Kingdom wide basketball championships at Dhahran, which saw the trio help earn fifth place for the Yanbu-Jeddah entry.

The Vets also will be part of the eight-team softball fields. Coached by Auggie Alifanti, a guard on Jeddah's winning all-star basketball entry last weekend in Dhahran, the team is led by slugger Jack Graham and Pete Bauers. The Jeddah All-Stars, coached by John Church, are led by Steve Gilmore and Bob Best.

Wednesday's 7 p.m. game pits the Vets against Yanbu, with the Jeddah All-Stars squaring off at 8:45 p.m. with the Corps of Engineers from Riyadh. Thursday will see one Jubail team playing Parsons-Daniel at 8 a.m. and another Jubail entry facing a second Riyadh team at 9:45 a.m.

From that point on, games will start every couple of hours with opponents advancing or being relegated to the losers' bracket. Games will be played Friday after the 1:15 final — should each finalist remain undefeated until that point.

Scott beats Walker in UCLA meet

LOS ANGELES, May 11 (R) — American Steve Scott held off New Zealand star John Walker to win the mile in three minutes 52.50 seconds, highlight of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Invitation Athletics Meeting Sunday. The indoor record-holder, Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland, was third.

Greg Foster blazed his way to a 13.10 second clocking in the 110-meter high hurdles, the second fastest time and Carl Lewis lost what would have been history's second best long jump to a slight wind.

MBN 100 Hurdles: 1, Foster, unattached, 13.10 seconds. 2, Turner Stars and Stripes, 13.43. 3, Nehemiah, Athletic Attic, 13.46. **100:** 1, J. Sanford, USC Track Club, 10.05. 2, Floyd, unattached, 10.10. 3, E. Brown, UCLA, 10.29.

400: 1, Henley, Arizona State, 44.92. 2, Green, USC, 45.07. 3, W. Smith, Athletic Attic, 45.35. **200:** 1, Sanford, USC AC, 20.20. 2, Evans, Arizona St., 20.34. 3, Marshall, Washington, 20.46.

MILE: 1, Scott, Sub-4 TC, 3:52.50. 2, Walker, New Zealand, 3:53.98. 3, Coghlan, Ireland, 3:54.94.

400 Hurdles: 1, Phillips, UCLA, 48.62. 2, King, Maczabi TC, 49.68. 3, Sheffield, Maczabi TC, 50.41.

WOMEN 200: 1, Taylor, Canada, 22.93. 2, Marshall, Coast Athletics, 23.86. 3, Pusey, La Naturite, 23.97.

100: 1, Ashford, Medalist TC, 10.99. 2, Bolden, UCLA, 11.18. 3, Taylor, Canada, 11.31.

JAVELIN: 1, Smith, Cal Poly Sfo, 64.44 meters. 2, Schmidt, Pacific Coast Club, 61.03 m. 3, Calvert, unattached, 51.28 m.

100 HURDLES: 1, Fitzgerald, Tennessee, 13.22. 2, Young, Fairleigh Dickinson, 13.32. 3, Hightower, Ohio State, 13.50.

Kiwis oust Indonesia

JAKARTA, May 11 (AFP) — New Zealand brightened their World Cup hopes with a 2-0 win over Indonesia in an Asia and Oceania qualifying Group One match here Monday. The Kiwis led 1-0 at halftime.

Brian Turner was the man who put New Zealand head, heading home after 17 minutes.

Indonesia had most of the pressure thereafter, but seldom looked capable of breaking down a composed and efficient visiting defense. They paid the penalty shortly before full-time when Turner again struck.

Indonesia now play Group favorites Australia in Melbourne on May 20, before the return match with New Zealand in Auckland on May 25. The group also includes Republic of China and Fiji.

Meanwhile, Mark McGhee of Aberdeen has been named Scotland's player of the year, by his fellow professionals.

The Aberdeen striker flew home from a club trip to Majorca to receive the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association award. Other nominees were Alan Rough, of Patrick, Dundee United's Paul Sturrock and Alex McLeish, of Aberdeen.

The First Division winner was Eric Sinclair (Dundee). The Second Division award went to Jimmy Robertson (Queen of the South), while Celtic's Charlie Nicholas won the young player award.

Czechs clinch Nations Cup

DUSSELDORF, West Germany, May 11 (AFP) — Czechoslovakia won the men's tennis Nations Cup here Monday defeating Australia 2-1 in the final.

Australian No. 1 Peter McNamara gave the 1979 winners an ideal start to the final by defeating world No. 6 Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-4. It was Lendl's first defeat since the cup began. However Czechoslovakia's Davis Cup player Tomas Smid leveled the scores by beating Paul McNamee 6-4, 7-6.

In the decisive doubles match, Wimbledon champions McNamara and McNamee surprisingly lost to Smid and Lendl 4-6, 3-6.

Davis Cup results: Egypt beat Greece 5-0; Denmark beat Portugal 5-0 (Peter Bastiansen beat Jose Cordiero 6-8, 6-7, 6-0; Michael Vorremsen beat Miguel Soares 6-3, 6-1, 6-0); Ireland beat Norway 3-2.

In Luxembourg, Bulgaria beat Luxembourg 5-0; (Matey Pampoulov beat Ferdinand Claude 7-5, 6-0, 6-1; Julianas Stamatov beat Johnny Goudenbourg 8-6, 7-5, 6-3).

Jack Birkenshaw strikes deadly

LONDON, May 11 (AP) — Opening matches in the John Player 40-overs Sunday League were severely hit by rain Sunday, with only three games completed.

Jack Birkenshaw, the 40-year-old veteran who switched from Lancashire to Worcestershire this season, helped his new side to a comfortable 18-run win over Glamorgan, taking a hand in the first four wickets as Glamorgan chased 170.

Derbyshire beat Lancashire on a faster scoring rate at Old Trafford. Five games did not even start, with the ten teams involved getting two points each.



NO ACROBAT THIS: Bernd Schuster, West Germany's key player in the World Cup qualifying rounds is caught in a unique action in the West Germany-Albania qualifying match. Germany won the match 2-0, both the goals being scored by Schuster, who plays for Barcelona.

Clemence to lead England against Brazil

LONDON, May 11 (AFP) — Goalkeeper Ray Clemence will captain England's patched-up team in the friendly international against Brazil at Wembley Stadium here on Tuesday night.

Clemence, with 53 caps, is easily the most experienced member of a team which has been decimated by injuries, club calls and the FA Cup final replay.

As expected, manager Ron Greenwood gives first caps to Aston Villa striker Peter Withe and West Ham central defender Alvin Martin, but there is no room for Withe's club captain Dennis Mortimer. Arsenal's Graham Rix is also given another chance in midfield, where he will be joined by Terry McDermott and Ray Wilkins.

The success enjoyed by Withe this season has been helped considerably by the service provided by Tony Morley on the wing, and Greenwood has included West Bromwich's Peter Barnes in the hope that he will be able to supply the crosses Withe thrives on. The absence of nearly all of Greenwood's chosen central defenders means that Bryan Robson will partner Martin, with Phil Neal and Kenny Sanson at fullback.

Greenwood received one piece of good news Monday when Ipswich agreed to release Russell Osman and Mick Mills, despite their league match against Southampton on Wed-

nesday. Osman and Mills will be on the bench, giving England useful defensive cover.

Leeds young goalkeeper John Lukic will also be joining the squad after the withdrawal Sunday night of Peter Shilton, who has made himself unavailable for the rest of the season. England have not beaten Brazil since a 4-2 win at Wembley 25 years ago when the countries first met. In 1964 Brazil won 5-1 in Rio but all five matches since have been tight — with goals scarce.

Brazil have still to win a Wembley, where they shared two goals with England three years ago. Kevin Keegan, who scored the English goal, is one of a clutch of players not available. Only two of the 1978 team — midfielder Steve Coppell and winger Peter Barnes — will play Tuesday.

Brazil, who go on to play France on Friday and West Germany on May 19, have also re-made their team since Santana took over. Tuesday's line-up is not likely to differ much from that which beat Bolivia 3-1 in Rio to clinch their passage to Spain for the World Cup finals.

Zico, whose surges forward from midfield makes him one of the most dangerous raiders in the world, scored all the goals — two from set pieces, a penalty and a freekick.

Teams England: Ray Clemence (Liverpool-captain), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Alvin Martin (West Ham United), Bryan Robson (West Bromwich Albion), Kenny Sanson (Arsenal), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Ray Wilkins (Manchester United), Graham Rix (Arsenal), Steve Coppell (Manchester United), Peter Withe (Aston Villa), Peter Barnes (West Bromwich Albion).

Brazil (probable): Waldir Peres, Edevaldo, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Toninho Cerezo, Socrates, Zico, Ze Sergio, Reinaldo, Eder.

Meanwhile, near-empty terraces are expected to greet Germany's Carl Zeiss Jena and Dynamo Tbilisi of the Soviet Union when they clash in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup in Dusseldorf on Wednesday.

Organizers said Monday that only 800 tickets had been sold so far for the match in the 67,861-capacity Rhein Stadium. Nevertheless, they are hoping that 8,000 fans will be present for the kick-off including 1,000 from East Germany.

Soccer experts said they found it difficult to forecast the winners. Though both clubs beaten western teams on their way to the final.



BOOKS: Mike Brearley of Middlesex books John Lever of Essex on the opening day of the County cricket Championships at Lord's. The match ended in a draw as rain curtailed play.

Irish team gets warm welcome in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, May 11 (AFP) — A crowd of about 1,000 people waving banners and singing welcoming songs gathered Monday at Johannesburg Airport to welcome the Irish rugby team, who open their controversial tour of South Africa Saturday.

The tour has been condemned by the Dublin government, trade union and church leaders because of apartheid. Days before their departure the Irish Rugby Football Union rejected a personal appeal to call it off from Prime Minister Charles Haughey.

A group of Pretoria teacher's training college students sang "Welcome the Irish" and held posters aloft with such messages as "Welcome men of character" or "A rugby friend is a friend in deed." A group of Irishmen wearing the traditional green caps with white bobs carried an Irish flag with a South African flag held beside it.

The team arrived more than three hours late, after their aircraft had to turn back to Ilha Do Sol, off the west coast of Africa, after what a South Africa Airways spokesman described as a "technical problem." The Irishmen open their seven-match tour with a fixture against the Gazelles in Pretoria Saturday. They will play two test matches during the tour.

At the short press conference after the Irish party's arrival the president of the South African Rugby Union Federation, Dr. Danie Craven, welcomed the side to South Africa. "May this be the happiest tour ever of this country," he said.

Irish team manager said the side had experienced tremendous difficulties before reaching South Africa. "That is now all in the past, water under the bridge. Our business here is to play rugby football," he said.

Team captain Kergus Slattery thanked the crowd for the welcome, saying, "We hope it will be as good in the seven games we play in South Africa." Bobby Ganley, president of the Irish Rugby Football Union said he was here only as an observer. But he gave the assurance the tourists would do their best on and off the field.

In London, the English Rugby League Federation announced that Great Britain will meet France in two rugby league Test matches next season.

Pivavivd Howes, the league spokesman, said that the Jean Gali European Championship, competed for by England, France and Wales was being shelved next season.

However, he said, "Great Britain will play France in two full Test matches, one at the end of January and the other in February with a fortnight between the two games."

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South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A J 4 3
 ♥ Q J 4 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ Q 5 4

EAST
 ♠ 7 6 5 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ J 9 7 6 4
 ♣ J 10 8 6

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ K 8 7 6 5
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ A K 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
 4NT Pass 5♥ Pass
 6♥

Opening lead — ten of spades.

danger and induce you to adopt precautionary steps that might not otherwise come to mind.

Consider this deal where West led a spade. A favorable outcome seems preordained until declarer wins with the king, plays a low trump to the jack, and East unexpectedly shows out.

At this point, South starts to worry about the slam, but his concern comes much too late. Regardless of what he does, he must lose two trump tricks and go down one.

Granting that the 4-0 division is rare, it is certainly not unprecedented. As a matter of fact, South's only concern from the opening gamb should be a 4-0 trump division, and all his thoughts should therefore converge on dealing with that possibility — since it is the only threat to the slam.

Declarer should realize that if East has four trumps the slam is sure to fail, but that if West has them he can be held to one trump trick by playing the suit correctly.

South should lead the king of hearts at trick two in order to guard against the only danger over which he has any control. When East shows out on the first trump lead, it becomes a simple matter to restrict West to one trump trick.

When you are missing four cards of a suit, they will be divided 3-1 50 per cent of the time, 2-2 40 per cent of the time and 4-0 10 per cent of the time. These are mathematical figures only, and you needn't memorize them if you don't want to. But there are times when even a partial familiarity with probable distributions will warn you of an incontinent

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Your Individual Horoscope
 Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Congeniality brings benefits. Enjoy harmonious relations with close ties. Initiative on the job brings financial remuneration.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Co-workers are especially helpful. Some will spend to decorate an office. Make the first move in romance, but curb self-indulgence.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You're popular now. Singles meet with new love and marrieds should have good times together. Remember to complete unfinished tasks.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Family projects bring happiness. Later, you'll be busy telephoning or visiting friends. Make plans for social get-togethers.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Social life is on the upswing. You'll attract new admiration. Capitalize on a fast-developing career or financial opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 Raises come automatically now. Higher-ups are favorably disposed. Get in touch with distant friends. Watch late-evening expenses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 A happy frame of mind attracts luck. You may be invited on a trip. Do further research on an investment matter. Consult with allies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Though it's an active social period, save some time for privacy with a loved one. Don't spoil a party with a suspicious attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 You'll make progress in both business and pleasure, but it's best not to mix these two areas of life. Begin new work projects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 You may receive praise for a job well done. An amiable manner wins you valuable support. Make plans for a pleasure trip for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Friends introduce you to new business contacts. Romance is in the offing. Attend a movie or cultural event for relaxation.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Make plans for home improvements. You have luck with jewelry and other luxury items. Let close ties know how you feel about things.

Crossword
 by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
 1 Tete-a-tete
 3 Seed coating
 5 Egyptian memento
 11 Employ dwelling
 12 Salad item
 13 Related
 14 One of the kingdoms
 15 Cross out
 16 Conclude
 17 Servant
 19 Douglas —
 20 Horne
 21 Weight in Guinea
 22 Resonance
 23 Weight allowance
 24 Dismissed
 25 "It Was a Very — Year"
 28 Three, in Calabria
 27 Vault
 28 James of journalism
 30 Gem
 34 In toto
 35 Bargain
 36 Involving scales
 37 Auk genus
 38 "Porgy and Bess" role
 39 TV's Norman DOWN
 1 TV's Everett

DOWN
 2 G.I.'s outing
 4 Urban
 5 Arenas
 6 Tapered
 7 Moslem noble
 8 Spread out into branches
 9 Recessive-gene carrier
 10 Ravel's ballet
 18 Donkey (Fr.)
 20 "— State" (Texas)
 21 Offer
 22 Roman dramatist
 23 One — customer
 24 Mental pressure
 25 Major divisions, in biology
 27 Navigational aid
 29 Ceramic slab
 31 Beyond the —
 32 Nazimova
 33 Evil glance

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
 A X Y D L B A A X R
 is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
 O Q K R K U O Q S D N D X O Q K
 V Z T K Z U O D O Q S D N O Q K W
 G N G J. — U D C S T K D R U T C S K

Yesterday's Cryptquote: AN IDEALIST IS A PERSON WHO HELPS OTHER PEOPLE TO BE PROSPEROUS.—HENRY FORD

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6:53	To the Minor Born	7:27 Adams Chronicles	12:00	World News	12:00 British Press Review
8:26	Lou Grant	9:14 Dallas	12:15	World News	12:15 World Today
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			12:40	World News	12:40 Look Ahead
			12:45	World News	12:45 The Tony Mysteri

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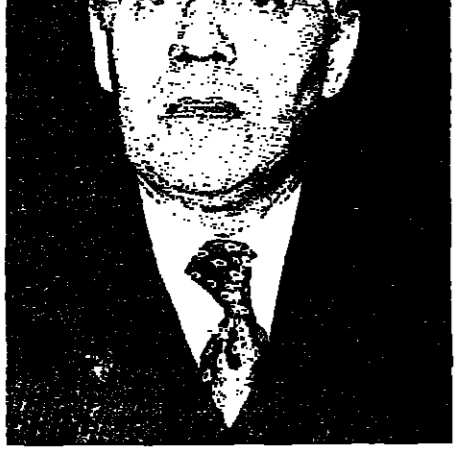
French election aftermath
Schmidt, Thatcher hold talks

LONDON, May 11 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt arrived in Britain for talks Monday in the wake of France's change of presidency and his own party's defeat in the West Berlin elections. The election in France of Socialist Francois Mitterrand as president, ending 23 years of right-of-centre rule, was expected to occupy much of his discussions with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Until Sunday, the six-monthly consultation between the two members of the European Economic Community (EEC) had had a businesslike but undramatic agenda. But the two leaders, who were having two days of talks at Chequers, the British Prime Minister's country residence, were Monday sure to discuss the implications for Europe of the election.

Chancellor Schmidt's telegram congratulating Mitterrand lacked the warmth he habitually showed to beaten President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, with whom he had enjoyed a close relationship.

Political commentators in Britain said the Franco-West German relationship, widely regarded as the cornerstone of the EEC,



Chancellor Helmut Schmidt

could lose much of its strength under the new president. In this case, they said, the link between Britain and West Germany could well grow in importance in the EEC.

Mrs. Thatcher has never met Mitterrand. In her telegram she said: "I look forward to an early meeting with you and to continuing with you in the best tradition of cooperation between our two countries." The opposition Labor Party was much more effusive, however. Leader Michael Foot said: "It is a great victory for Socialism and peace, and the success will provide encouragement for Socialists throughout Europe."

Schmidt also has the worry of his Social Democratic Party being voted of office Sunday in West Berlin. West German commentators said the result might signal a start to the breakup of Schmidt's coalition with the liberal Free Democrats.

With Schmidt as Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Economics Minister Kurt Otto Lamsdorff and Agriculture Minister Josef Ertl. Finance Minister Hans Matthoeffer, recovering from a heart ailment, is represented by State Secretary Horst Schulmann.

Apart from the French election, the two leaders planned a full review of their attitudes on a range of questions, including Poland, Afghanistan and the Middle East. Tension which cooled relations between Britain and West Germany earlier this year is unlikely to resurface, according to informed sources in Germany.

Schmidt had been in an angry mood after a British-French dispute prevented agreement on a common EEC fisheries policy and effectively deprived West German boats of fishing grounds. But the urgency has gone out of the situation because the next high seas fishing season does not begin until December, the sources said.

British analysts said that the special Bonn-Paris relationship which dominated the European scene over the past few years was now at an end. They pointed out that West Germany shared interests with Britain on key common market issues including reform of the common agricultural policy and budget structure. The chancellor was now expected to work toward a closer relationship with London and to downplay long-running disputes over fishing and steel.

Assembly uncertainty
Berlin votes ruling SDP out

BERLIN, May 11 (AP) — West Berlin voters Sunday ended more than a generation of Social Democratic rule, handing Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's party a stunning defeat in balloting for the city assembly, or Senate. But no party emerged with enough strength to form a majority.

Preliminary, official results showed the conservative Christian Democratic Union, led by Richard von Weizsaecker, capturing 605,007 votes or 47.9 per cent, for 65 of the 133 Senat seats.

The Social Democrats under mayor Hans-Jochen Vogel claimed 484,024 votes or 38.4 per cent for 52 seats, while the Free Democrats, allied with the SPD in the old city coalition, took 70,423 votes for 5.6 per cent and 7 seats.

But a loose alliance of Marxists, leftists and ecologists, known as the Alternative List (AL), kept the three major parties from capturing a majority in the Senat, whose members in turn select the mayor and the city's non-voting delegates to the Bundestag, or West German parliament. The AL, which appealed mostly to young voters, captured 90,522 votes or 7.2 per cent for nine seats.

For Schmidt and the SPD national leadership, the outcome represented a humiliating loss of prestige at a time when polls show the government's popularity on the decline. West Berlin had for years been a bastion of SPD support, launched former mayor and later Chancellor Willy Brandt to international prominence during the Cold War years.

Von Weizsaecker, a former vice president of the Bundestag, said in a television interview after the elections he would invite the Social Democrats and Free Democrats for talks on how to form a new city government.

But Vogel and FDP leader Juergen Kunze reiterated their earlier election statements that they refuse to join a coalition with the CDU. And neither of the three parties said it was prepared to cooperate with the AL. A spokesman for the AL said his party would not join in coalition with any of the established parties.

Pre-election surveys predicted a Social Democratic defeat because of disenchantment over a recent financial scandal which cost taxpayers over \$110 million, chronic housing shortages, one of Europe's most flourishing drug cultures and recurrent street violence by rebellious youths.

Despite opposition by FDP leadership, some right-wingers within the party indicated they might be prepared to join a coalition with Von Weizsaecker.

Sunday's loss by Schmidt's party and the election defeat on the same day of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing by Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand dramatized the new political uncertainties among two of America's strongest European allies.

Japanese pledge aid to Solidarity

TOKYO, May 11 (AFP) — Japan's most powerful labor federation Monday pledged help for Poland's free trade union movement Solidarity to expand its organization, especially among farmers. The pledge was made when Solidarity leader Lech Walesa held talks with leaders of the 4.5 million-strong General Council of Trade Unions of Japan (Sohyo) Monday, on the second day of his week-long visit to Japan at the invitation of Sohyo.

Walesa, 38, told the Sohyo leaders, including Chairman Motofumi Makieda, that Solidarity will lay stress on negotiations in dealing with Polish Communist leaders while reserving its right to strike as "tactical strategy," according to Sohyo officials.

Walesa also said it was Solidarity's responsibility to protect interests of trade unions but only in a manner not to weaken the strength of the country and the people. "We would always consider ourselves as Polish before considering ourselves as union activists," Walesa was quoted as saying. It was agreed at the meeting that Solidarity and Sohyo will strengthen their cooperative ties through exchanges of leaders and activists.

Nonaligned team in Baghdad
Gulf peace moves renewed

TEHRAN, May 11 (Agencies) — A nonaligned peace mission left for Baghdad Monday and other initiatives to halt the Gulf war are being revived, official Iranian and diplomatic sources said. The four-man mission from the nonaligned movement described the results of its 24-hour visit to Tehran as "very fruitful and positive."

Tuesday President Ziaur Rahman and Foreign Minister Shamsul Huq of Bangladesh will fly to Iraq and Iran to renew the peace efforts of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). Former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme will visit the countries, possibly next week, as the peace envoy of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, the sources said.

The renewal of international efforts to end the Gulf war coincides with a period in which fighting between the two states has been confined largely to long-range artillery barrages. All three missions have visited Tehran and Baghdad before but have failed to bring the two sides to the conference table.

The Iraqi News Agency reported that the nonaligned mission arrived in Baghdad and was greeted by Iraqi Foreign Minister Sa-

Oil terminal blast confirmed
Two soldiers injured in IRA ambush

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, May 11 (AP) — Two British soldiers were wounded Monday when gunmen ambushed a squad of troopers escorting a mail truck delivering cash to a post office in west Belfast, police reported.

A spokesman said the gunmen took over a house opposite the post office and opened up with automatic weapons fire as the soldiers jumped from their armored personnel carrier. The escort mission is a regular operation because the post office has been held up a dozen times in recent years by guerrillas of the outlawed Irish Republican Army "Provisional" wing seeking money for their campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

The condition of the injured soldiers was not immediately known. Troops and police moved in to search the Roman Catholic area for the gunmen as youngsters and women blew whistles, the traditional warning signal that security forces were sweeping the district.

The attack, the latest in a series of strikes against security forces, raised fears that the guerrillas are drifting toward a resumption of

their bomb-and-bullet campaign following comparative lull since jailed guerrilla launched a hunger strike for political status March 1.

Police fears that the guerrillas planned to avenge the death of hunger striker Bobb Sands by assassinating prominent figure mounted after authorities confirmed rumor of an explosion at a Scottish oil terminal when Queen Elizabeth II, her husband Prince Philip and King Olaf V of Norway were there.

The blast occurred at noon Saturday at the Sullom Voe North Sea oil terminal in the Shetland islands north of Scotland, soon after the IRA's "Provisional" wing claimed it had planted a device there. Police did not disclose the explosion until Sunday night, after rumors of it had circulated in the islands for 24 hours.

Chief constable Donald Henderson Lerwick, the main town in the remote island, said the explosion damaged the terminal power station but caused no casualties. The queen was officially opening the terminal in building a quarter-mile away, and nobo among the 700 VIPs there heard the blast. The terminal is the biggest in West Europe.

A spokesman for British Petroleum would not confirm a bomb was involved.

IRA sources in Dublin claimed the bomb contained 7 pounds of gelignite. British Army sources believe the bomb could have been planted some time before the well-publicized royal visit, when security was so tight, and was probably a "sleeper" device with a long-delayed timer.

The Sullom Voe blast heightened offit fears in Belfast that the IRA will soon seek assassinate prominent figures in reprisal for Sands' death. Sands, a 27-year-old gunman serving 14 years for possessing a handgun, died on the 66th day of a hunger strike Tuesday in the Maze prison near Belfast.

The emotive fast and his death spark fierce riots in Roman Catholic areas Northern Ireland. The street violence broke down at the weekend and police report only minor skirmishes in Belfast Sunday. Tension remained high as another hunger striker, convicted killer Francis Hughes, was reported slipping closer to death Monday, the 58th day of his fast.

Mrs. Gandhi affirms support to Palestinians

ABU DHABI, May 11 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said here Monday that her country would always support the right of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland. Mrs. Gandhi arrived here earlier in the day from Kuwait on a three-day official visit to the Unit Arab Emirates.

In an interview with the Emirates Television, Mrs. Gandhi expressed "strong regret over the Afghanistan situation and the prolongation of the Iran-Iraq war. She urged both crises be solved by peaceful means. I prime minister repeated India's commitment to nonalignment and respect for sovereignty of other countries and, in a framework, urged the Gulf countries to resist superpower involvement in the region's affairs.

In a joint communique issued before departure from Kuwait, Mrs. Gandhi emphasized the necessity of maintaining Indian Ocean as a region of peace. On Middle East, the two countries agreed that just peace could be reached only by immediate Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied in the 1967 war, including Jerusalem.

Israel must also recognize the rights of Palestinians, including their claim to an independent state, the communique said. Both countries affirmed support for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). They called for an immediate solution to the Lebanese conflict and condemned what they called Israeli aggression against Lebanon and interference in Lebanese affairs.

The two sides expressed support for nonaligned nations' mediation efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war. On southern Africa, she said that only the independence of Namibia and an end to racial segregation in South Africa could halt tension in the region.

From page one

Mitterrand was welcomed by two French-speaking newspapers, of which *Le Soleil* of Quebec said his long trek across the desert had ended.

In China, the New China News Agency announced Mitterrand's election results without comment as most Asian capitals reacted slowly to the news. But observers pointed out that Chinese leaders had taken their precautions last February, when they entertained Mitterrand in Pek-

ing as an official Communist Party guest.

In Tokyo, where Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki was one of the first world leaders to congratulate Mitterrand, foreign ministry sources said they did not expect any great change in relations with France.

Italian Communist Party Chief Enrico Berlinguer greeted Mitterrand's victory with "profound satisfaction."

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The sweeping presidential victory of Socialist Francois Mitterrand by over one million votes will overturn seven years of economic liberalism under Giscard.

Mitterrand is expected to reintroduce price controls on some products, nationalize banks and 11 industrial groups, increase pensions, social benefits and minimum wages and start talks on reducing the working week to 35 from 40 hours.

French financial markets reacted sharply to the prospect of a Socialist economic program. The franc plummeted on foreign exchange markets and share prices fell on the Paris bourse.

Economic analysts said the markets were concerned that Mitterrand would be forced to form a pact with the Communist Party ahead of parliamentary elections next month in order to win the working majority he needs in parliament to push through his proposals.

south of Paris. In Strasbourg, on the border with West Germany, officials were ordered to pay special attention to powerful cars registered in other than border areas and to vehicles traveling at night on secondary roads, an official source said. Customs officers were told to check drivers' wallets and list their contents, the source said.


The French Exchange Control Law, established in 1968, prohibits French residents from building up capital abroad. The law also stipulates that revenues from foreign countries must be returned within a month after they were paid. Each tourist is allowed to leave France with 5,000 francs (about \$1,000) and, when abroad, withdraw the equivalent of 2,000 francs (\$400) per week from credit-card accounts.

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